

Town of Sandisfield
Finance Committee Meeting

Date: April 10, 2019

Location: Town Hall Annex, 66 Sandisfield Road

Members Present: Roger Brown, Joe Gelinas, Kathy Jacobs, Bogart Muller, Fred Ventresco (ex-Officio Committee Member).

Members Absent: Alex Bowman

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Joe moved and Bogart seconded to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2019 meeting. Approved 4-0.
3. The committee reviewed and discussed the FY20 operational budget request in the Employee Benefits and Insurance category, particularly the line item for Employee Benefits. Joe moved and Roger seconded that the FINCOM will not recommend the budget request in the amount of \$272,134.22 as presented by the Board of Selectmen. Approved 4-0.
4. The committee reviewed and discussed the FY20 budget request to appropriate \$45,000 for the purchase of a new F350 pickup truck and to transfer this amount from Free Cash. Joe moved and Roger seconded that the FINCOM will recommend the budget request as presented by the Board of Selectmen. Approved 4-0.
5. The committee reviewed and discussed the FY20 budget request to appropriate \$60,000 for the purchase of a used loader backhoe and to transfer this amount from Free Cash. Joe moved and Roger seconded that the FINCOM will recommend the budget request as presented by the Board of Selectmen. Approved 4-0.
6. The committee reviewed and discussed the FY20 budget request to appropriate \$57,384.56 for the Public Safety Officer salary, to raise \$22,384.56 and to transfer \$35,000 from Free Cash. Joe moved and Bogart seconded that the FINCOM will recommend the budget request as presented by the Board of Selectmen. Approved 4-0.
7. The committee reviewed and discussed the FY20 operational budget request in the Education category, particularly the line items for School Committee Members' Salaries and School Operations as presented in Article 16 of the draft warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. Joe motioned and Bogart seconded that the FINCOM will recommend the budget request as presented by the Board of Selectmen. Vote 2-2.
8. The committee reviewed and discussed the FY20 budget request adjustment for the Stabilization Funds category, including Article 22 of the draft warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to raise and appropriate \$100,000 for the Stabilization Trust Fund. Joe moved and Bogart seconded that FINCOM will recommend draft Article 22 to raise and appropriate \$100,000 for the Stabilization Trust Fund. Approved 4-0.

9. The committee reviewed and discussed the FY20 budget request adjustments for the Stabilization Funds and Free Cash categories, including Articles 23 and 24 of the draft warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to transfer \$300,000 from Free Cash to the Capital Improvement Plan Stabilization Fund and to transfer \$200,000 from the Stabilization Trust Fund to the Capital Improvement Plan Stabilization Account.

Joe moved and Kathy seconded that FINCOM will recommend draft Article 23 to transfer \$300,000 from Free Cash to the Capital Improvement Plan Stabilization Fund. Approved 4-0.

Joe moved and Roger seconded that FINCOM will recommend draft Article 24 to transfer \$200,000 from the Stabilization Trust Fund to the Capital Improvement Plan Stabilization Account. Approved 4-0.

10. The committee does not have any future meetings scheduled at this time.

11. The committee reviewed the warrant for the FINCOM assistant's salary. Joe moved and Bogart seconded that FINCOM approve the warrant. Approved 4-0.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. Respectfully submitted:

Joe Gelinas, Finance Committee Chair 

Alex Bowman, Finance Committee Member

Roger Brown, Finance Committee Member 

Kathy Jacobs, Finance Committee Member 

Bogart Muller, Finance Committee Member 