

Selectmen's minutes of meeting from the joint work session with the Finance Committee on March 10, 2020.

Selectmen present: Mark Newman, George Riley, Joanne Grybosh, Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Finance Committee members present: Kathy Jacobs, Roger Brown, Steve Seddon, Bill Blanchard

Called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Joanne and Dolores presented budgets prepared to date.

The Finance Committee budget had the wrong fy2020 salary amount, they decided to keep it at \$1,500 in lieu of \$2,400.

Kathy J. asked about the Town Accountant hours, Joanne responded that it varies from 8 to 19 hours a week depending on the work load.

Discussed the additional DPW employee, we are not budgeting for that, Joanne will reduce the DPW budgets to reflect this.

Finance will not approve the Cemetery budget without more detailed information regarding expenses.

Discussed the new article for a Records Storage Facility. Dolores explained that the gray storage container the records have been stored in is leaking, the floor is rotting, and there is an infestation of mice that are destroying the records. We will budget \$25,000 from Free Cash. Brian will look into an office trailer that will have electricity and climate control.

Kathy J. reviewed the stabilization and free cash accounts.

Discussed a new article for Machinery and Maint. for the DPW. They sold the Dodge for \$17,500 and the Loader Hoe for \$14,000. They would like to transfer \$15,000 of this money to outfit a dump truck. The article will be written to transfer \$15,000 from Free Cash.

We are not moving forward with a new fire truck. We did not receive the requested 3 quotes in time.

Discussed the Capitol Improvement Plan and the committee. Mark responded that no one has come forward to be appointed to the committee. Roger responded that he would serve on the committee if it is possible. We will need to read the plan to see if someone from Finance can serve on the committee.

Discussed the school budget. The School Committee has approved it. George reviewed that the School Committee had pledged to meet with us earlier in the budget process. That did not happen.

We did not receive the School Committee salary budget. We will reduce it to \$1.00.

Kathy presented 4 pages of questions on budgets. Joanne responded that she has already answered many of these questions. She also stated that she is not the Finance Committee Manager or secretary. She was hired right at the start of the budget season and has dedicated a lot of time towards it. Mark responded that going forward the Finance Committee was to direct their questions to the Board of Selectmen.

Discussed the bylaw regarding the Finance Committee. George would like an article on the warrant to remove the bylaw or revise it. He would like to see policy in place not a bylaw.

Kathy reviewed some of their issues with some budget submissions. Not everyone used the same format, actual numbers are missing and lack detail. They will let it go this year but want all this info next year.

Roger stated that this has been a good meeting of the boards.

Discussed the creation of an Enterprise Account for the ambulance service revenue. Discussion followed on the funding of the Public Safety Officer. When the position was created it was to be offset with the ambulance service revenue. However the funds have to go into an enterprise account.

Discussed having another work session next Wednesday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Mark Newman

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Kathy Jacobs

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George Riley

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Roger Brown

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Steven Seddon

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Bill Blanchard