

## Minutes

### Finance Committee

February 25, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Jim Sullivan

Present by ZOOM Meeting: Dennis Hogan, Gerard Leeman, Brian Cusack, Dan Sherman, Joanne Reilly, Bill Boodry, Aimee Forsythe, Stefan Chase, Joe Bertrand, Tarae Howell, David Mastroianni, Doug Butler, Don Ravenelle, Evan Kenney and Jim Sullivan

Absent: None

Also, in Attendance: Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio, Town Accountant Kevin Gill, Fire Chief Michael Sullivan, Deputy Chief Tom Purcell, Town Insurance Consultant John Spinello, and Health Director Ruth Clay

- 1) Public Participation: None
- 2) Motion to approve minutes of the minutes for the February 11, 2021 meeting by Gerard Leeman Seconded by Dan Sherman and so voted.
- 3) Motion to approve Police Sub-Committee Minutes of February 3, 2021 motion by Aimee Forsythe seconded by Joanne Reilly and so voted.
- 4) Motion to approve IT Sub-Committee Minutes of February 3, 2021 motion by Evan Kenney seconded by Brian Cusack and so voted.
- 5) Motion to approve Library Sub-Committee Minutes of February 3, 2021 motion by Dan Sherman seconded by Joe Bertrand and so voted.
- 6) Motion to approve Fire Department Sub-Committee Minutes of February 3, 2021 motion by Doug Butler seconded by Evan Kenney and so voted.
- 7) The following FY2022 Budgets were presented:

Budget #17 – Fire Department

Budget #22– Animal Inspector

Budget #24 – Parking Clerk

Budget #36 – Health Department

Budget #39 – General Insurance

Budget #40 -Medicare

Budget #43- Worker's Comp

8) Committee Comments:

The Fire Department Budget Subcommittee reported on the Fire Department budget. It was noted that the SAFER Grant fully funds the 4 new positions including benefits for 3 years. The Forecasting Subcommittee will need to plan for any future effects on the budget.

The Town Hall Budget Subcommittee reported on the remaining Town Hall Budgets.

Gerard Leeman reported that the School Budget Subcommittee had been in conversations with Superintendent Lyons and that the Schools were reviewing three potential budget scenarios, based upon the COVID situation for FY2022. It was expected that the budget presented most likely will be an increase of 4.88% over FY2021. The Superintendent plans to be at the March 11<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting to present a preview of the budget scenarios. The full budget presentation will be on March 25, 2021. Gerard asked that members of the Finance Committee forward to him any School Budget questions so he can present to the Superintendent.

Gerard also related that the School department would present an article at Town meeting in May to utilize a portion of the SPED Stabilization Fund for Special Education Costs this Fiscal Year. The committee discussed the possibility of replenishing the SPED Stabilization Fund in November.

Town Administrator Maio stated that the budgets presented to date reflected a 2.58% increase over FY2021.

9) Motion to adjourn at 8:32 P.M by Gerard Leeman seconded by Dan Sherman and so voted.