

## **Minutes**

### **Finance Committee**

**April 2, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Dan Sherman

Present by ZOOM Meeting #811398162: Dennis Hogan, Stefan Chase, Don Ravenelle, Gerard Leeman, Jim Sullivan, Brian Cusack, Dan Sherman, Evan Kenney, Peter McManama, Joanne Reilly, Bill Boodry, Aimee Forsythe, Jan DiGiambattista, and Joe Bertrand.

Absent: Doug Butler

Also in Attendance: Town Council Chairman Ed Dombroski, Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio, Town Accountant Kevin Gill, Police Chief Steven Skory, Deputy Police Chief Craig Calabrese

- 1) Public Participation: None**
- 2) Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2020**

Motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2020 by James Sullivan seconded by Don Ravenelle with all in favor.

### **3) FY2021 Articles**

**Public Safety Building:** Chief Skory and Deputy Chief Craig Calabrese presented a power point depicting the need for a refurbished Public Safety Building. Joanne Reilly, Jim Sullivan and Joe Bertrand in their capacities as Finance Committee Liaisons to the Public Safety Building Reassessment Committee related the process used to re-advocate for the refurbishment of the building. The deficiencies of the existing building in delivering quality police service to the public, the fact that the previous renovation focused primarily on the Fire side of the building and the fact that the current plan was the most cost-effective manner of providing the necessary and updated physical space to accommodate a police department of 60 as well as to most effectively deliver the services to the public required in modern policing was highlighted. Members of the Finance committee also viewed a more modern facility as critical in attracting quality personnel.

**Supplemental Appropriation for FY 2020 budgets:** Town Accountant Kevin Gill presented the fact that a Supplemental Appropriation Article would be on the Town Meeting Warrant (currently as a place-holder) in order to be prepared for any budget deficits as a result of increased costs due to the Corona Virus.

**Medicaid reimbursements for School Department Employees and/or independent contractors:** Town Accountant Kevin Gill presented this recurring Article that will fund the costs necessary to seek Medicaid reimbursements for certain students and independent contractors. \$10,000 in Free Cash is the anticipated request. This expenditure normally results in the receipt of \$100,000s in reimbursements.

### **4) Committee Comments:**

Town Administrator Maio offered a brief review of the Financial Picture at the State and local receipt level. We should anticipate a reduction in both State Aid and Local Receipts. The Forecasting Subcommittee will meet next week to map out a path forward. It is also anticipated that Town Meeting will be moved until June.

- 5) Motion to adjourn** at 8:37 PM by Gerard Leeman seconded by Joanne Reilly and so voted unanimously

