Jan 18, 2021 6:30pm Town Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Susan Finnegan, Christine Abdelnour-McKenna, Dean Priebe, Bill Chase, Frank Reeder

No one called to say they could not participate due to technical difficulties and the meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by Susan Finnegan.

Committee Organizational business:

Bill Chase was appointed by the Budget Committee due to a vacancy as Richard Paul moved away. This meeting is being held remotely due to the state emergency order.

Meeting timing for Budget Committee (both Town and School):

The annual budget workshop at the School was held Jan 2 from 9am till about 11:15. This Annual workshop (typically the first Saturday of the year) is a combined budget committee meeting with the school and town. All of the budget committee was in attendance.

FY2020 Financial Performance Review

Frank Reeder presented financial performance YTD with the six pages of the budget we planned to review and added that overall, the town is looking good.

FY2021 Budget Discussion

The salaries were available to discuss and vote on for our meeting this evening.

As each line item was reviewed, discussion occurred when 2020 actuals varied significantly from budget. Selectman Reeder had line details and rationale for increases in the FY21 budget.

The budget committee approved the following categories by the use of a roll call format each member approved and there were no objections

4130, 4140 4150 4155 4191 4194 4220 4290 4311 4324 4411 4441 4442

Warrant Articles

4902 Committee approved the funds for the new backhoe by the use of a roll call format each member approved and there were no objections

4903 Committee approves the budget for the new fire station by the use of a roll call format each member approved and there were no objections

4909 We purchased an election ballot counter but that was actually part of a grant and we got all of that money back, and the fiber bond is removed from the 2021 warrant articles as well.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:15pm. Next meeting January 25th 6:30pm

Submitted by:

Christine Abdelnour-McKenna