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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES / June 7, 2018 at 7pm

Community Room

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Members

Dick Scialabba
Shaun Galliher
Chris Pike
Mary Rice
Heather Brown
Ray Bolduc
Viv Mason
Russ Parks

Absent

Earl Peck

Other

Laurel Scialabba, SB Chair
Bob Graves, Town Administrator
Harvey Drosehn, SB
Rich Kardasen, SB
Susan Rathbun, Chief of Police
Andreas Schmid, SOLECT representative
Assessors Peter Persoff, Dick Roussin, Neil Baraccas
Kathe Warden, Admin. Asst.
Jack Adams

The meeting was opened at 7pm.
There was no public comment.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the May 3, 2018 meeting as written. The motion passed with Viv and Russ Parks abstaining.

There was no public comment.

The Committee reorganized as follows: Chairman, Shaun Galliher; Vice-Chairman, Richard Scialabba; Secretary, Mary Rice.

The Committee discussed the Expense Report. Some accounts that still had balances also have bills expected. Some other accounts have ongoing projects and may need the balance rolled over.

The Committee discussed and voted on line item transfers as follows;

1. A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$1,541.00 from Accountant Assistant Account, to Police salary account. The motion passed unanimously.
2. A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$703.00 from the IT account, to the Police General Expense account. This will replace the computer in the cruiser. The motion passed unanimously.
3. A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$123.68 from the Emergency Management account to the Assessors Expense Account. This will cover a shortfall in the GIS bill. The motion passed unanimously.
4. The Committee discussed the fuel account overrun, and how to cover it from the Sewer and water accounts, and from the Vision account. It was decided that usage will be tracked going forward with the possibility of next year allocating from these accounts.

A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$4,500 from the Reserve Fund to the Fuel Account. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee discussed transfers to cover the 22K cost of the Solar project on the Town Garage and Firehouse. The Finance Committee approved the project, but funding was not fully explained to the

Committee prior to the ATM. Andreas Schmid, a representative from SOLECT was present to fully explain the best and most profitable way was to have the town spend 22K on this project. In an effort to have full transparency, the Committee requests that this amount be put on a Special Town Meeting for a vote.

The Committee discussed the replacement of the flags around town. The Hinsdale Dayz previously purchased the flags out of the town appropriation but no longer request money from the town. Unfortunately, there was no account set up for any future purchase and the flags were not in proper condition to be used. LP Adams owner Wayne Walton said he can order the flags for \$2,050.00 and they will be good quality. Mike Ciaburri, owner of the River Bend Trading Company, had started a fundraiser to purchase them. It was suggested that any monies already raised, be submitted to the town and go in the General Fund. A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$2050.00 from the Reserve Fund to the Select Board Expense Account for the purchase of the flags. The motion passed unanimously.

The Assessors asked to speak at our meeting and were granted that request. They wanted to explain how they got behind in the valuations and request money to correct this. The Committee cannot do anything as the ATM voted down their request. It was suggested that they do what they have to do to catch up.

The next regular meeting of this Committee is Thursday, July 5, 2018, at 7pm in the Town Hall Community Room. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:50 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Mary A. Rice, Secretary
ENCL: SOLECT