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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES / April 27, 2017

Members:

Dick Scialabba
Ray Bolduc
Shaun Galliher
Mary Rice
Viv Mason
Chris Pike

Absent:

Justin Gilardi
Earl Peck

Other:

Laurel Scialabba, SB Chair
Ryan Aylesworth, Town Administrator

The meeting was opened at 7pm.

There were no public present eliminating the need for public comment.

The purpose of this meeting is to review, discuss and vote to recommend or not recommend each article on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. Ryan provided and updated Warrant that has not yet been approved by the Select Board. He also included Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Highlights as of April 26, 2017.

The votes on the Articles are as follows:

1. 1. Moderator- no vote necessary.
2. 2. A motion made and seconded to recommend this article as written. The motion passed unanimously.
3. 3. "Stretch Energy Code" - The benefits voting in favor of this article and becoming a "green community" were explained by Ryan. However, the Committee felt it would escalate building costs and deter new growth. A motion was made and seconded NOT to recommend this article. The motion passed with 4 in favor and one abstained. The Article was not recommended.
4. 4. Articles 4., 5., 6., 7., 8., 8c., 9., had motions to accept as written, the motions passed unanimously.
 10. This Article includes funding for operating expenses of the Town. A motion was made and seconded to accept this article as written, the motion passed with 3 in favor and 2 abstained.
 11. Articles 11., 11a., 11b., motions were made and seconded to accept these articles as written, the motions passed unanimously.
 12. Vocational Schools - The proposed budget amount included tuition costs for two (2) more students than were enrolled by the April 1, 2017 deadline. After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded to fund the tuition for the nine (9) students enrolled, plus ½ for the possibility of a transfer student during the school year. The motion passed unanimously.
 13. Articles 13., 14a., 14b., 14c. 15., 16a., 16b., 16c., 17., 18., and 19., had motions to accept as written and all motions were passed unanimously.

20. All articles funded by Free Cash will be reviewed again at our next meeting. They include Articles 20 through 32. including Article 34. and excluding Article 30 as it does not include Free Cash. After discussion, it was agreed to eliminate Article 21. and Article 24.

30. This Article, the Assessors software, was discussed and a motion was made and seconded to go with the software provided by the State that is of no cost to the Town. The motion passed with 4 in favor and one abstained. The Article was not recommended.

33. This Article, funding for Police detail work, was discussed. This does not include any detail work done for the Town as that is funded by the Town. The Committee felt this extra work has nothing to do with the Town, is not performed for the Town, is not paid by the Town, and should not be funded by the Town. A motion was made and seconded NOT to recommend it. The motion passed by 4 to 1. The Article was not recommended.

35. This Article is also on hold for a vote at our next meeting. The debate was about funding it with raise and appropriate or Free Cash.

36. Article 36., and 37. had motions to accept as written and passed unanimously.

Having no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:30 pm. The next regular meeting of this Committee will be Thursday May 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm. In the Community room in Town Hall. Discussions and votes on the remaining Articles will be done at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary A. Rice, Secretary

ENCL: Draft budget
Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Highlights