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FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES / March 29, 2018 at 7pm

Town Hall-Community Room - 1st Floor

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Members

Dick Scialabba
Shaun Galliher
Viv Mason
Earl Peck
Mary Rice
Ray Bolduc

Absent

Heather Brown

Other

Laurel Scialabba, Select Board Chair
Bob Graves, Town Administrator
Rene Senecal, Highway Supt.
Dave Kokindo
Bill Pike

The meeting was opened at 7:02pm.

Public comment: Dave Kokindo asked that the minutes of the March 15th Finance meeting be corrected to state that he did attend some planning board meetings. He took issue with the fact that they said he never attended any. The minutes were read that stated his correction of that fact. He contended that he never received notification of meetings. Dick Scialabba, Planning Board chair, said the Planning Board did not have a computer and now that they do, he is sending them out. Laurel Scialabba pointed out that all posted meetings are on the town website as well as in the Town Hall. After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded to leave the minutes as is because his correction was noted in the minutes. The motion passed with three (3) in favor and two (2) against. He also said a roll call vote must include the names and how they voted. It was noted that this has been the practice for several years and we cannot go back and amend all those meeting minutes. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to include the names in all future roll call votes, unless the vote is unanimous. The motion passed unanimously.

There are no meeting minutes for review at this meeting.

Reserve Fund Request: Bob Graves said the fuel account is trending over and will possibly be 10K over by the end of the fiscal year. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve a Reserve Fund transfer of 5K to the fuel account. The motion passed unanimously. This will give us the option of taking some out money out of the Winter Roads account, or possible line item transfers before the end of the fiscal year, to cover the anticipated overrun. Reserve Fund Request: Replacement of 50 flags, flag holders, and cemetery flags at \$2,042.88. After discussion, there was no vote taken as there was no flag account to transfer it to. Neither the Veterans account nor the Memorial Day account had included the purchase of the flags. It was suggested that an account be established in this FY19 budget. Previously, the Hinsdale Dayz provided the flags and they are no longer doing so.

Old Dalton Road Culvert: Rene Senecal explained that the \$10K in the account is not enough to do the least costly repair of lining the culvert. He also said that about 100 yds up the feeder stream should be done at the same time as that will also need to be fixed and it would be less

costly to do them at the same time. This would be a total cost of \$28,107.77. The committee discussed possible line item transfers from Highway accounts that have balances. Rene also pointed out that there is a grant application to be submitted in June, to be awarded in the Fall, to redo Old Dalton Road including the intersection at Maple Street. In order to qualify for this grant, the replacement or repair of the culvert needs to be "shovel ready." Chairman Scialabba asked for a "staw" vote to see if the committee would approve line item transfers to fund the culvert. The committee gave its unanimous support.

Bob Graves reported that this is the third year of our commitment to the Economic Development. He provided a handout that stated what has been done to date. The committee felt there was no visible results so far.

Bob Graves said he is working on several items concerning the committee and will have a better report for our next meeting. He should have his first draft of the budget for our next meeting. The items he will report on include: Job Description for the Administrative Assistant, financial restructuring, Board of Health blight issues, Conservation and Lake Management accounts. He also said the Select Board will be talking with the Assessors and asked that we postpone having them attend one of our meetings.

New Business: Ray Bolduc reported that the spillway at Belmont may be listed in the wrong category and that the State is reviewing a change that will not require any action at this time. The Plunkett Lake spillway will be inspected this week. Ray also reported that the lining in the discharge pipe from the gate to Michaels Road is ok and will not need to be replaced, and it is anticipated that the section from the gate to the input will be ok as well.

Laurel Scialabba will check to see if there are any dam inspections required this year. Shaun Galliher pointed out several accounts that need to be removed from the budget including Plunkett Dam Renovation and Plunkett valve repair as these items are under another account. Member Earl Peck had a question about a \$1,500 payment from the Fire Department Stipends account at our last meeting. Bob Graves will confirm but it was most likely charged to the wrong account in error.

The next meeting of this committee is Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 7pm in the Town Hall Community Room.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:23 pm. The motion passed unanimously
Respectfully submitted, Mary A. Rice, Secretary