

March 9, 2023

Minutes

Finance Committee Members in attendance: Ben Thomas, Chair, Karen Dunn, Clerk, Paul Mortenson, Stephen Steele, Elizabeth McClung, Erica Liu, Ron O'Brien, Tom Rowan and Abigail Seibert

Others in attendance: David Castellarin, (Finance Director);

Chair Thomas calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Reads Remote Meeting Guidelines

Calls the Roll of Committee Members in attendance.

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Public Comment

None

2. Review/Approve Minutes

Chair Thomas asks for any comments on the Minutes for October 20, 2022.

None offered.

Motion to approve the Minutes for October 20, 2022 by Member Steele.

Second by Member McClung.

Roll call of members in attendance.

Vote: 5-0-2

Motion carries

3. Article Assignments

Chair Thomas reviews the twenty-two Warrant Article titles for discussion of assignment of Finance Committee position summaries for presentation at Town Meeting.

Chair Thomas asks for volunteers.

Member discussion with respect to assignments for presentation summaries to be given at Town Meeting on March 27, 2023. Assignments completed.

Chair Thomas asks for Member discussion of how questions from Town Meeting attendees directed to Finance Committee should be handled. Members discuss the issue and decide on preferred approach.

Member Steele suggests that the Finance Committee's usual short pre-Town Meeting meeting should be posted and should not be adjourned prior to commencement of Town Meeting.

Member Mortenson suggests that the pre-Town Meeting meeting should be posted so as to allow for discussion.

Chair Thomas asks for Member comments with respect to how Finance Committee presentations should be made.

Member discussion of preferred manner for making presentations.

Member discussion with respect to Finance Committee Members going to the audience microphone so as to state personal opinions on issues.

Member Steele states that each Member making a presentation should state what the Finance Committee vote was on that matter.

Further Member discussion as to assignments for the presentations.

Chair Thomas discusses the timing for completion of all presentations for publication.

4. FY24 Model

Finance Director Castellarin opens a discussion of FY24 Model 03-09(2) as posted in the Drop Box.

Member McClung goes through various line items where she notes changes have been made from prior version of the Model including Free Cash line item.

General Member discussion as to how to discuss changes that have been made.

Mr. Castellarin discusses various line items where changes have been made.

Member Steele discusses changes made to Unused Levy.

Mr. Castellarin states that he hopes that the Current Model State Aid number will improve.

Mr. Castellarin discusses improvement in the Water Sewer numbers.

Mr. Castellarin discusses the 5% increase with respect to Health Insurance number.

II. RECURRING BUSINESS

1. Meetings Attended

Chair Thomas discusses attendance at Select Board meeting.

Chair Thomas discusses use of Drop Box.

Chair Thomas discusses date for next meeting being the pre-Town Meeting meeting on March 27 at 6:15. Meeting will conclude so as to move to Town Meeting positions for Finance Committee.

Chair Thomas notes that there will be no Finance Committee meeting next week.

2. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Member Mortenson

Second by Member Steele

Roll call of Members in attendance

Vote: 8-0-0

Motion carries.

Time: 7:55 PM

John B. Connarton
Recording Secretary

DOCUMENT LIST

Agenda for March 9, 2023 Meeting

Minutes for Finance Committee Meeting for October 20, 2022

Annual Town Meeting Warrant 2023

FY24 Model – 03.09.23(2)