

Board of Selectmen
Minutes

Date: April 10, 2019

Members Present: Mark Haines, Mike McCallum and Janet Flinkstrom

Finance Committee Members Present: Lyric Donald, Kathy Panagiotes, Sharon Setson

Town Administrator: Bob Hanson

Time: 7:05 p.m.

Public Comments: MH discussed the issue of property next to Town Hall. Rene Rainville, Owner of the 873 Café asked permission from the Board to go on Town land and make repairs for his property on 873 Main Street where drainage is flowing down onto his property and will end up causing his drainage failure. Rene has an insured contractor ready to begin work.

Bob Hanson answered a residents question on who will be paying insurance on Town side. The Town is fully insured for all work on their property.

Any Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman:

- 2) The Board will approve Mr. Rainville's request to work on Town land to make the necessary repairs to his property drainage, subject to the inspection and approval from the Conservation Commission.

Motion: Mike McCallum

Second: Janet Flinkstrom

Vote: Unan

Janet states she lives with a member of the Conservation Commission and will notify him so Rene can have a sit down with ConCom. Mike suggested Rene have some kind of hand sketch showing the proposed repairs for ConCom.

John Margosiak asked about the progress of the marijuana project. Selectmen answered his questions. Mike Bussell, Fire Chief addressed concerns about Fire Department's ability with impact of money given to the Town, costing the Town no money. All will be put to use to benefit the project as far as the Fire Dept. is concerned. A public water supply system with hydrants being put in will benefit the Town as most of the Fire Ponds are 50 years old and filling with silt. Their tanker trucks can fill up at the hydrants and return to fight fires. This will also help fight any fires at the facility as well. The marijuana project will be at no cost to the Town.

John Margosiak wants to see the agreement prior to signing. Response is yes if they want to.

LW asked what happens if business fails. Water line will stay.

Joint Meeting with Selectmen and Finance Committee:

Start time 7:35 p.m.

Bob Hanson explained NMRSD school dept. finally gave the Town the breakout for the debt service. There is another approximate \$357,000 in debt service that will be excluded from the taxes that will help with the budget deficit per the School Dept.

Free cash is considered revenue.

All Dept. Heads are willingly trying to cut their budgets.

Dump truck is not in the budget at this time.

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Bob tried to explain to Lillian Whitney again that we do not put dollar figures in a warrant article as it can't be voted more than what the article states at Town Meeting. The amount is put in the motion and read at Town Meeting.

Building Maintenance for Town Hall will be \$70,279.00.

FinCom Member asked if the raises for the EMTs are in the FY20 Budget figures, answer was yes. COA Director's increase will be to \$6,957.00. Gary Asher spoke to this reduction in their FY20 request and the effect it will have on the program. He is asking for the original request of \$10,000.00 to be reconsidered.

MM double checked with Fire Chief and asked him if the raises for Firefighters and EMTs are in his FY20 budget request and Fire Chief said yes they are.

Fire Chief's salary figures are still less than last Full-time Chief. He voluntarily offered to take the lesser amount.

Resident asked about leasing trucks. This has been looked into and is not anything to work for the Town. The Town would end up paying more.

Building and Maintenance is for all buildings in Town.

Stabilization fund is at a good level right now.

Chapter 90 monies could be used for replacing the dump body on another truck. Cost is approximately \$50k and he will get maybe 5 more years out of the truck. There are two trucks in need of repair and/or replacement.

LW states there is a way to borrow money to support the purchase of a truck. BH tried to explain this to her to no avail.

Discussions were held on how to pay for a new dump truck.

Discussion on legal fees. BH states most of that was for the arbitration out of the ordinary expenses and we are done with the arbitration now. Legal and Reserve Fund were both increased for FY20.

Suggested by MH that the Town take \$50,000.00 from Overlay Surplus Fund, \$20,000.00 from Free Cash and the rest from the Stabilization Fund, the total of this money to be used to pay for the dump truck.

Contract negotiations need to be completed before final budget is made.

Public Comments:

Complaint about condition of road to the Landfill. Highway Supt. and Landfill Supt. are working on it.

Linda Stacy commented are the new railings up to code? Stated the railings look great.

Talk of a quorum for FinCom and how many members should be on the Committee.

Selectmen will put a warrant article on to change FinCom member number to 5.

3) Motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum

Second: Janet Flinkstrom

Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____