

TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
March 3, 2021

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Signing in for this virtual Finance Committee meeting of March 3, 2021 were Chairman John Pumphrey, Julie Shaffer, Bill Principe, Bill Stuart, Craig Maroney, Jeff Leafer, Joe Gambon, Meghan Rooney, Lori Childs and Bob MacDonald. Sheila Mulcahy was absent. John Pumphrey read aloud a statement that the meeting was being recorded and could be reproduced.

Also signing into our virtual meeting was Town Accountant Biz Zaleski, and Town Administrator Doug Lapp, Derek Ewell, Chris Burnieika, Eugene Gingras, Pat Foley, Elizabeth MacNeil, Delshaune Flipp.

John told the committee that Sheila Mulcahy has requested and has been granted a Leave of Absence.

The school committee has rescheduled their appearance from tonight until next meeting on March 10, 2021.

C P A - Chairman Derek Ewell.

Reporting that there will be two Articles on the warrant. 1. Budget distribution of Revenue and 2. CPA will be purchasing the land abutting Reeds Pond/Spring Lake Cemetery. The title search is still ongoing. There is only one Trustee on the deed that is still living.

Library – Elizabeth MacNeil, Director

Reporting that the Library budget is level funded except for contractual salaries. The library is still not open to the public but curbside service is working well. There are two unstaffed positions.

There will be no articles at Town Meeting for the Library but there are two problems that need to be addressed. 1. One room has floor damage from 2 years ago that needs to be repaired. 2. The bathroom fixtures should be changed to be compliant with Handicap Accessible rules.

Board of Health –Delshaune Flipp

Reporting that her budget is close to level funded. There is an RFP out for a new Refuse Company. There will be a needed rate increase for rubbish pickup. A Board Meeting is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>. In answer to a question, the rubbish barrels are owned by the Town of Rockland except for about 50 barrels that were purchased by residents. The residents are also charged for the pickup of the extra barrels of trash. Despite all the extra work caused by the Pandemic there are no changes to the BOH budget. They are also able to keep up with regular inspections and duties with outside vender services. The phone calls are constant with Covid questions.

There will be two articles at town meeting. 1. \$120,000 to finish the road at the landfill. 2. Money for a study for land fill to be taken from the revolving account.

Transfer Request for \$4000 to Registrar of Voters to pay for Mail-In Ballots. A motion to approve was made by Bill Stuart, seconded by Bill Principe. A vote of approval was unanimous.

There is a balance of \$156,937.81 in the Reserve Fund.

Biz reviewed an updated listing of Free Cash Disbursements.

Biz explained to the Finance Committee the Marijuana Host Community Agreement Account. The account is good for 5 years. Funds are received from the State Cannabis Association who provides a percentage of revenue to towns having marijuana shops in town.

Disbursements are for each dispensary in town. The money cannot be used to offset budget items in the town but it can be used for Education Programs.

At our next meeting on March 10, 2021 the School Superintendent and the Capital Planning Committee will be in attendance to explain their budgets.

Biz will try to get us the printed articles so we can review them and vote before the final articles get printed.

Meeting minutes of February 17. A motion was made by Joe Gambon to approve the minutes with corrections of names, seconded by Bill Principe. A vote of approval was unanimous.

Meeting minutes of February 24. A motion was made by Joe Gambon to approve the minutes with corrections of names, seconded by Lori Childs. A vote of approval was unanimous.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:15pm by Bill Principe and seconded by Jeff Leafer. A vote of approval was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Shaffer, Secretary

