

Rockland Town Clerk's Office

July 21, 2022 5:14 p.m.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 16, 2022

Present at the Finance Committee meeting of March 16, 2022 were Chairman John Pumphrey, Bill Principe, Cara O'Neill, Bob MacDonald, Julie Shaffer and Linda Sternfelt. Susan Gaines, Joe Gambon, Bill Stuart and Meghan Rooney were absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. Chairman Pumphrey read aloud a statement that the meeting was being recorded by WRPS and would be broadcast on YouTube.

Also attending the meeting were Assistant Town Accountant Sirena Amaral, Town Administrator Doug Lapp. Town Department managers also present were Peg Byran, Tim White, Peter Ewell, Liz MacNeil, Dave Taylor.

Peg Byran reported on the Council on Aging budget. Everything at the Senior Center is open and participation is growing. The small increases in the budget is due to the aging building and the increase in participation. The revolving account covers the cost of all food for lunches. There will be no Articles at Town Meeting.

Tim White reported on the Veterans budget. He works 3 days at the Senior Center. A new part time employee will work 2 days to fill out the week. The Van is not working. It is 8 years old and a new one is needed. It must be Wheelchair accessible and a safe vehicle. The Memorial Day celebration will take place in Rockland in 2023.

Peter Ewell reported on the Park Department. Labor cost has gone up because of the extended length of each sport.

There is a problem with neighbors dumping leaves and debris on the Trail. He suggested a new by-law to enforce the stoppage of dumping on the Trail.

Liz MacNeil reported on the Library Budget. Most increase to the budget is due to the accessibility with computers. There will be no Articles at Town Meeting.

Doug Lapp explained the miscalculation in the Town Budget that was a negative \$752,727.28. The town share is. \$225,818.18.

Dave Taylor reported on the Highway Department budget. See attached spread sheet showing the disbursements from his department.

A motion was made by Lori to approve the minutes of January 12, 2022. Seconded by Bill P. Approval of the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Linda to approve the minutes of February 3, 2022. Seconded by Bill P. Approval of the motion was unanimous.

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A motion was made by Linda to approve the minutes of March 9, 2022. Seconded by Bill P. Approval of the motion was unanimous.

Next meeting will be on March 23, 2022, with planned budget presentation by the School Department.

Bob MacDonald announced that he is stepping down as Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee.

A motion was made by Bob M. to nominate Linda Sternfelt as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Bill P. The vote of the entire committee to have Linda S. serve as Vice Chairman was unanimous.

A motion to adjourn at 9pm was made by Bill P. Seconded by Linda S. Approval of the motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by:

Julie Shaffer, Secretary