MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2019

Present: Nick Adamopoulos, Michael Finamore, Matt Fitton, and Sarah Sansom, Sean Williams

Absent: Laura Backus

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Nick Adamopoulos at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen Meeting Room in the Town Hall.

Meeting Minutes

The Finance Committee will hold off on approving the February 28, 2019 meeting minutes until the next meeting.

Town Administrator’s Update

0142351-513005: Account is $120,000 over budget. This will be covered within the budget. Although it was a light winter the Highway Department always had to go out.

0161052-558007: The Library’s energy costs are high. A State grant can be used to offset this amount.

Library Update

The last Library Project is all set. There is a minor pay request that will be processed in May. $11,000 is remaining. They negotiated an agreement that they are very comfortable with.

Water Filtration Plant Update

Matt Fitton could not attend the meeting. The project is on budget and is going well. They are a little behind schedule but plan to make up that time when the building is weatherproof.
FY20 Budget Update

The School presented a budget with a 4.2% increase. The Town Administrator budgeted them with a 3% increase. The Town budget has been sent out to all Department Heads. There is no need for an override. It includes a $150,000 Host Agreement. A reduction in staff has been made in several Town Hall offices. The priorities in the FY20 budget are Economic Development, Nuisance Properties, OPEB, and B & G Improvements. The Town is currently negotiating all of the union contracts.

FY’20 Capital Projects

The Highway Department is seeking to replace several pick-up trucks. The Police Department is looking to install dash cameras on all of the cruisers. The Fire Department is looking for fire breathing apparatus.

EMS Building Deed/Rent

There is no cost for the Webster EMS service in town. The Town has not spent any money on the land or building on Thompson Road. The Town is listed on the deed as reverter if Webster EMS ceases to exist. The deed should be changed to reflect the proper name.

Schedule Next Meeting

The Finance Committee will meet on April 8, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. for the Tri-Committee Meeting. The Finance Committee will meet on March 21, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. to review the School Committee's Budget.

Adjournment

Motion: made by Mike Finamore, seconded by Sarah Samsom to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.
Vote: Matt Fitton – yes, Michael Finamore – yes; Sean Williams – yes, Sarah Sansom – yes, and Nick Adamopoulos – yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Friedland