

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lois Stearns, Chair; Dan Campbell, Bernhard Porada, Bonnie L'Etoile, Sue Kaczinski and Tony Matteo (6:46pm)

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tracy Rogers, Chair; Julia Blyth (6:09pm)

SELECTBOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Alexander Meisner

ALSO PRESENT: Phil Gilfeather-Girton, Town Accountant; Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary; Kayla Drumgool, BNCTV

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Walker, Highway Superintendent

The FINCOM meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Stearns

This meeting was video and voice recorded

- **ARTICLE REQUEST CLAIRIFICATION**

- Discussion with Tom Walker, Highway Superintendent clarifying vehicle proposal between the Highway and Sewer Departments

The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm

- **FINCOM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TOWN BUDGET & SPECIAL ARTICLES FOR FY20**

- Review of warrant articles with the FINCOM recommendations; however source of funds is not determined at this time
- FINCOM discussed cola (Campbell leaves meeting, 6:31pm)
 - ***A motion was made by L'Etoile, seconded by Porada and VOTED to recommend a 3% COLA (unanimous vote by members in room; Stearns, Matteo, L'Etoile, Porada and Kaczinski)***
 - Campbell came back to meeting at 6:38 after vote was made regarding COLA
- Discussion on the calculations of some of the employee's wages that appear lower than previous years, based on accountants formula; Gilfeather-Girton will reaffirm his calculations
- NFLD EMS/Bernardston MOU discussion
 - Porada requested business plan and timely notification on requests for funding
 - ***A motion was made by L'Etoile, seconded by Campbell and VOTED unanimously to recommend \$40,900 for the EMS budget out of taxation***
- Review of the omnibus and adjustments
- Review the Pioneer Valley Regional School District assessment
- ***A motion was made by L'Etoile, seconded by Campbell and VOTED unanimously to support the request for a truck for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$30,000***
- Article for Public Safety Building
 - Discussion to put funding into stabilization or change wording of article
 - ***A motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Porada and VOTED to change the wording of the article to include repairing the current station in an emergency or use funding for sight design. In Favor: Stearns, Campbell, Matteo, Kaczinski, Porada Opposed: L'Etoile***
- Franklin County Tech School Assessment discussion
 - ***A motion was made by L'Etoile, seconded by Matteo and VOTED unanimously to support the updated request of the Franklin County Technical School assessment***

The Selectboard adjourns at 8:10pm; Rogers, Blyth and Wood leave meeting

- **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes from the March 19th, 2019 were reviewed
 - *A motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Kaczinski and VOTED unanimously to accept the March 19th, 2019 minutes as written*

- **MEETINGS ATTENDED REPRESENTING THE FINCOM**

- Porada (Emergency Services Facility Committee): no meeting scheduled to date
- Porada (Town Governance Study Committee): No meeting but article submitted for the warrant regarding the number of Selectboard members
- Matteo (Community Preservation Committee): no meeting
- Matteo (H.E.A.R.T.): no meeting

- **NEXT MEETING**

- Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6 pm

A motion was made by L'Etoile, seconded by Campbell and VOTED unanimously to adjourn the FINCOM Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm

Submitted by:

Bethany Walker

FINCOM Secretary

Approved On: 5-28-19
Approved By: Dori M. Dearn