

FINCOM MEMBERS PRESENT: Lois Stearns, Sue Kaczinski, Bernhard Porada, and Tony Matteo

FINCOM MEMBERS ABSENT: Daniel Campbell and Jack Spanbauer

ALSO PRESENT: Robert MacEwen, Chair of the Board of Health; Andrea Llamas, Town Administrator

*The FINCOM meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Stearns
This meeting was video recorded and voice recorded*

- **BOARD OF HEALTH BUDGET DISCUSSION**

- MacEwen discussed his budget
 - New information regarding the hauling hourly wage fee will be increasing from \$24 to \$48 per hour deemed by the State. 3/20/2020 this will be going out for bid
 - Spanbauer had asked the last time MacEwen was in for budget discussions how much the town made from the pay per use trash bags. At that time MacEwen didn't have an actual number. MacEwen advised at this meeting the town made a total of \$34,095 in calendar year 2019 (breakdown: \$30,780 Large Bags & \$3,315 small bags)
 - BOH looking into raising the cost of bags in the future; not the stickers.
 - MacEwen provided stats on hauls last year
 - Large increase due to tipping/trucking fees
 - Discussion on Town Nurse; proposal cost approximately \$14,000. This would go as an Operating budget item; not a potential warrant article. If the BOH determines not to go forward this for FY21, then MacEwen would make an amendment on Town Meeting floor.
- MacEwen discussed the Well request (Capital Item)
 - Currently listed as article 15 on the draft Warrant in the amount of \$15,500 (anticipated entire project cost)
 - Uses include, fire suppression, eye wash station, decontamination etc... NOT intended for drinking use, or Restroom (no septic)
 - Per MacEwen DEP does not have any restrictions

7:01pm MacEwen leaves FINCOM meeting

- **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POTENTIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES**

- Llamas provided draft of articles for warrant and read through them
 - Some Articles included are ones that were presented to FINCOM, some have not been presented as of yet to FINCOM, some articles are for unpaid bills for FY19, potential for 3 local option taxes (meals and beverage, short term rental and marijuana), 504 grant ADA.
 - Articles are now formally closed to public

- **DISCUSSION OF AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR FY21**

- New growth lower than previous years
- Free cash still pending, not certain if number will be ready by the time the FINCOM needs to make their recommendation. Llamas hopeful figure would be known by Town Meeting
- Expense reports should be all completed in 1-2 weeks per Llamas

- **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY21 BUDGET ITEMS**

- Stearns would like a full board to review and discuss

- **POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR 3/23/20 FOUR TOWN MEETING**

- Pioneer Budget

- **POSSIBLE FUTURE DISCUSSION WITH SELECTBOARD RE FINCOM RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - Will the Selectboard put an article on the warrant if not supported by FINCOM?
 - Sewer; Can there be a fund set up by the users to pay for other users who cannot pay? Is this legal?
- **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - Minutes to be reviewed at the next FINCOM meeting
- **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - Letter from PVRs Treasurer voted operating budget of \$14,861,867; Making the total assessment (after funds/receipts) \$9,310,639. Northfield's share would be \$4,656,804. Capital project with a total figure of \$28,000; Northfield's share would be \$13,877.82.
- **MEETINGS ATTENDED REPRESENTING THE FINCOM**
 - Matteo (CPA); The awarded applicant project was for the steeple at first parish church. However, more money is needed than originally requested due to further investigation of steeple. Could be \$80,000-90,000 for the type of repair actually needed. CPA is holding off at this point given this new information. 3/11/20 CPA meeting at 7 to discuss further.
- **NEXT MEETING**
 - 3/11/2020

A motion was made by Matteo, seconded by Kaczinski and VOTED unanimously to adjourn the FINCOM Meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Submitted by:
Bethany Walker
FINCOM Secretary

Approved On:

Approved By:

4/21/2020
