

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lois Stearns, Dan Campbell, Tony Matteo, Chad Glover, Bonnie L'Etoile and Bernhard Porada

ALSO PRESENT: Deb Mero, Town Accountant; Jack Spanbauer, Selectboard Chair; Paul Boushell, Interim Town Administrator; Sandra Wood, Town Secretary; and Bethany Walker, FINCOM Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Stearns. This meeting was video recorded.

• **DISCUSS OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR FUNDING RECCOMENDATIONS**

- Mero provided (4) versions of the model (in regards to the PVRSD Assessment):
 - 2% Increase with Articles reduced
 - 0% / Level Fund *Articles left as is Lmf*
 - 2% Increase with Articles left as is
 - 1.75% Increase *Stabilization decreased by 100,000. Lmf*
- Discussion on the possibility of the Bernardston FINCOM level funding their PVRSD assessment; Northfield would have to be at 1.75% if that was the case
- If Northfield level funds, then the other Towns would have to reduce their PVRSD assessment.
- Discussion on PVRSD revenue; if it comes in higher than anticipated, what can PVRSD do with that money. Mero explained that the actual budget cannot increase but rather the money would go into their "general fund" (E & D)
- A motion was made by L'Etoile, seconded by Campbell and **VOTED** unanimously to delete the two options that call for the 2% Assessment increase.
- A motion was made by L'Etoile, seconded by Glover and **VOTED** to recommend a 0% increase/Level Fund to the PVRSD Assessment and having no changes to the Articles. In Favor Votes: Glover, L'Etoile, Stearns, and Porada Opposed Votes: Matteo and Campbell
- Spanbauer explained that the Selectboard will be meeting the following night and they will vote on the PVRSD assessment; either in line with the FINCOM or a different amount. If different, both the Selectboard and the FINCOM will meet jointly on March 27th.

• **FY2018 ARTICLE RECCOMENDATIONS**

- Spanbauer stated that any articles not supported by the Selectboard will not be on the Warrant
- The PVRSD budget will be separate from the omnibus; it will be its own article. Spanbauer not in favor of it being the last article as previously suggested, rather it follow the omnibus.
- Debt Services for EMS will be moved out of model and into the EMS Enterprise Fund
- The capital articles for PVRSD will be (4) projects in (1) article. The Selectboard will discuss as to whether or not to combine the NES projects into (1) article.

• **TRANSFER REQUESTS**

- None

• **MEETINGS ATTENEDED AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FINCOM**

- Porada attended (along with Boushell) an Emergency Services Facility meeting at 4pm today. The next step is to have the Police, Fire and EMS determine their needs and if these needs have changed from the last study. These needs will also decide if the current location will suffice or if a new location may be needed. The EMS building lease is up in two years, so project needs to move forward. Also, the group is hopeful to have the deed recorded based on the Mylar survey done. Next meeting is April 5th.

7:29 Spanbauer, Wood and Boushell leave FINCOM meeting.

- Matteo reported he attended a HEART meeting last Wednesday (3/15/17). Discussed bringing in more representation among the townspeople and school staff.