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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES / Feb 7, 2019 at 7pm

Community Room, Town Hall

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Members Other
Shaun Galliher
Bob Graves, Town Administrator
Bill Pike
Russ Parks
Bonnie Conner
Heather Brown
Chris Pike
Viv Mason, Select Board

Absent
Earl Peck
Ray Bolduc
Mary Rice
Dick Scialabba

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the January 3, 2019 meeting as written. The motion passed with one abstaining. The Committee went over specific items on the expense report with Bob Graves providing answers to the questions.

Some of the issues discussed were as follows; Legal Expenses, Hours for Sara to assist Charlie Browne, IT & hardware budget, Industrial Washer for Fire Department, Cemetery plaque, Plunkett Gate Valve, Old Town Hall Columns Billed to the wrong account, Coe RED, Unemployment Expense, and Sewer full time wages on target, Viv Mason reported on the CSX property.

We are challenging the bill and the letter was sent out to address the issue of the cost of $825. Chairman Galliher reported on the Highway Department Winter Road Maintenance and the financial expense over the last 10 years and to state that there was an over run for the current year. The Board vote YES for $13,000 to appropriated for the account. Upon discussion of the work being done and results of said work after the recent snowfall, a motion was made by Russ Parks to have the Highway Superintendent Rene Senecal come in and report on all finances pertaining to the Highway Department Winter Road Maintenance account. seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Bob Graves reported that the Water Sewer Commissioners did not have a meeting to go new rates and how they are being received by the public. Bob Graves gave an update to the Transfer Station and the requirements per the DEP regarding the trees and monitor wells and the possible donation of land by an abutter. Bob Graves reported that the Saturday Budget Hearing meeting will be on March 9, 2019. It

is expected to begin at 830 am and go till about 2:30 pm. He will be requesting department budget requests to be submitted as soon as possible and department heads should be prepared to defend their submissions. Bob Graves reminded us about the Open Meeting Laws and Conflict of Interest have been emails out and please have them complete as soon as possible.

Chairman Galliher reported that he had correspondence for rules on replacement of a culvert from the DEP Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program Dated February 14th. The gas report, CBRD letter and a letter regarding Change in Chapter 90 funding. All are available. Viv Mason questioned the length of time that required for keeping documents in the vault. what documents can be removed? looking to organize the vault for future use and easability.

The next regular meeting of this Committee is Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Community Room. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:08 pm. The motion passed unanimously.