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FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES / May 2, 2019 at 7pm

Community Room - Downstairs

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Members

Shaun Galliher
Mary Rice
Dick Scialabba
Bonnie Conner
Heather Brown
Russ Parks
Chris Pike

Absent

Earl Peck
Ray Bolduc

Other

Viv Mason, Select Board
Bob Graves, Town Administrator

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.

There are no minutes to be approved at this meeting.

The Committee will review, discuss and vote on the FY20 Budget at this meeting.

Bob Graves reported that there are two Citizens Petitions that will be included on the ATM Warrant. One is a binding referendum to waive the dog license fee for residents 70 years old and older, which the Committee did not accept. The other one is non-binding resolution declaring Hinsdale a Pollinator-Friendly Community, the Committee had no objections to this.

Based on the Committee review, a motion was made and seconded to accept the Raise and Appropriate amount of \$4,779,705.00. The motion passed with one abstaining.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Free Cash amount of \$321,625.00. The motion passed with one abstaining.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Sewer 1 total of \$72,433.00. The motion passed with one abstaining.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Sewer 11 amount of \$159,002.00. The motion passed with one abstaining. This includes the bill from Dalton, plus a 10% administrative fee.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Sewer 111 Loan amount payment of \$149,440.21. The motion passed with one abstaining.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Water Wage account of \$86,152.00, pending adjustment. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Water total of \$292,866.00. The motion passed with one abstaining.

A motion was made and seconded to take 50K out of the Capital Stabilization for a new Police cruiser. The motion passed with one abstaining.

In other business, the Committee reviewed the Capital Plan. The Vocational tuition bill for this year will be adjusted to reflect one student's attendance for only half the year.

The Committee discussed the School Budget. There was a discussion NOT to recommend it to send a message to the School Committee that the new school building project is excessive and the Town did not support it. There was no agreement either way, so the Committee decided to leave that recommendation blank on the Warrant, hoping to generate discussion at the Annual Town Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to have no recommendation on the School Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular scheduled meeting of this Committee is June 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Community Room.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:24 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Rice, Secretary