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SELECT BOARD & FINANCE COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING MINUTES March 19, 2020 at 6:30pm

Community Room – Downstairs

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Members

Shaun Galliher
Bonnie Conner
Chris Pike (by remote)
Russ Parks (by remote)
Mary Rice
Jim Chivers
Heather Brown
Dick Scialabba (by remote)

Absent

Nancy Smith

Select Board

Viv Mason, Select Board Chair
Bob Graves, Town Administrator
Rich Kardasen, Select Board
Susan Rathbun, Police Chief (remote)

This joint meeting was opened at 6:30 pm.

Chief Rathbun went over her budget proposal that had been submitted. Chairman Galliher asked about the request for computers that was included in her budget, as the Town has a program in place, to periodically replace computers in Town Hall. They will be checking with the IT department to clarify this.

Bob Graves reported that CBRSD adopted budget is \$269,239. Capital is \$235,595. Our assessment went down to \$2,431,474. Bob also reported that Dave Stuart, Beach Committee, said they are not going to do anything major at the beach this year, other than some sand and signage. All permits from Conservation are in place for the Transfer Station capping, and he is seeking quotes for the materials needed. The Old Dalton Road project is out to bid with April 2, 2020 being the opening of them. Since the Government has modified rules on meetings that do not allow public participation, they will still open the bids and post them on the web site.

The engineering estimate for the “Schnopp Road” project is 32K – 45K which would be paid out of the Roads Stabilization fund. This could be completed before August 1 of this year. This is called the “Schnopp Road” project as it includes parts of Old Windsor Road (from the Dalton Town Line), Frank Schnopp Road, portion of New Windsor Road, and George Schnopp Road. Chairman Galliher discussed the proposal from Regional Resource Group, Inc. for Assessor services. He asked that everyone review the proposal and get back to him with any questions by Monday. He, Bob and Viv will get the answers to any questions the Committee may have.

Chairman Galliher reported the bids for Vocational Transportation will be in next week, as well as the Town Mowing bids. He reviewed Landfill Recapping, Insurances, Water/Sewer, Heating and Cooling, and Green Community. Plunkett Lake has about 10K left in the account that could be used for sand as requested. He also reported that Winter Roads is over by 35K, much less

than last year. The Fuel Meter requested could possibly be paid for by a Grant and Bob will be looking into that. Physicals for the Fire Department must now be done every year, and the Department is in need of new turn out gear.

Bob said the survey for sidewalk clearing is all over the place, with no consensus. He also mentioned that very few residents responded.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes for March 5, and March 7, 2020. The motion passed with a roll call vote, none opposed.

The next meeting of this Committee is April 2, 2020 at 6:30 pm. In the Town Hall downstairs Community Room. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:46. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted, Mary A. Rice, Secretary