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Finance Committee

Minutes of the meeting for <October 11, 2018> at the Jeffery W. Osuch BPW Administration Building, 5 Arsene St., Fairhaven, MA

Members in attendance:

Padraic Elliott, Robert A. Furtado, Kathi Carter, Bernard F. Roderick, Thomas Alden, Jessica Dwelly

Members absent:

Lisa Plante, Tracey Diggins

Town of Fairhaven:

Mark Rees- Town Administrator

Meeting was covered by government access television.

Chairman Pat called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Announced that the meeting was being recorded by government access TV. Chairman has to be notified if anyone else present is recording the meeting by video or audio.

Motion made by Tom to accept the minutes from June 18, 2018. Seconded by Bernie. Vote: Unanimous

Motion made by Bernie to accept the minutes from July 24, 2018. Seconded by Tom. Vote: Unanimous with Pat abstaining

- Mr. Rees distributes copies of the draft Warrant for the November 13, 2018 Special Town Meeting, the Compensation and Classification Study for Non-Union Positions, updated Calendar of Meetings prior to the STM, and Free Cash Calculation.
- Mr. Rees states the Free Cash totals \$6,187,488. States this is the largest Free Cash amount to date.
- Mr. Rees states he will run through the Warrant tonight, and next week staff will be available to answer questions.
- Chairman runs down the updated calendar.

- Chairman would like to start voting on the easy items next week.
- Chairman states all voting must be done on October 25, 2018.
- Chairman has posted an additional meeting for November 1, 2018 in case it is needed.
- Mr. Rees runs through the Draft Warrant:
 - Mr. Rees states the Selectmen have not numbered the order of the Articles yet.
 - Article A- Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Consolidated Marijuana Zoning
Mr. Rees states this would be for Recreational Marijuana establishments.
 - Article B- Amended FY19 General Fund Operating Budget
Mr. Rees states this Article is to allocate the \$150,000 Reserve for the pay reclassification.
Mr. Rees states he will hold a public hearing on this and make a recommendation to the Selectmen after that.
Bernie asks if there are any changes in this since the spring Town Meeting.
Mr. Rees states the information he has given us includes a more detailed explanation.
 - Article C- Sale of Rogers School
Mr. Rees states the Town has received 1 proposal to build market rate housing on the lot and condos in the old building.
Chairman asks if someone will be available to answer questions.
Mr. Rees states yes. He states he is waiting for the report from the consultant as to whether the proposal is feasible.
 - Article D- Rezoning Rogers School Property
Mr. Rees states this is rezoning that would be necessary for the proposed project.
 - Article E- Funding For Replacement Hand Held Meter Readers
Mr. Rees provides information from Mr. Furtado stating the present meter readers need to be replaced and it cannot wait until the Annual Town Meeting.
 - Article F- Funding For Repair Of Ceiling In Assessors Office
Mr. Rees states this is for the permanent repair to the ceiling in the Assessors office.
Bob asks if the entire \$20,000 Reserve Fund transfer was used for the initial repair.
Mr. Rees states yes.
 - Article G- Additional Funding For Doorway Restoration & Handicap Access Project At The Academy Building

Mr. Rees states this is for the project that was approved at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting. The project has languished since TM and Mr. Rees has taken over as project manager.

Because of the delay, the cost has increased approximately \$44,445.

Bob asks if the increase is mainly because of the delay and what caused the delay.

Mr. Rees states yes and the delay was because the building is overseen by a volunteer group.

- Article H- Street Acceptance: Doanne Court
- Article I- Street Acceptance: Reynolds Drive
Both these Articles are being reviewed by the BPW
- Article J- Bills of Prior Years
Typical bills from the prior year.
- Article K- Authorization To Settle Claim Against The Town- Robert D. Hobson
This is to settle the legal fees incurred by Mr. Hobson for the BPW election.
- Article L- Temporary Moratorium On Sale And Distribution Of Adult Use Marijuana
Mr. Rees states this was put on the Warrant by a citizen group through petition.
Bernie states he is a member of the group.
Bernie states the group is asking the Planning Board to pass over their zoning Article.
- Article M- Petition The States Legislature To Change The Package Store/All Alcohol License Issued To Total Confections, LLC, 115 Huttleston Avenue
Mr. Rees states this would remove the site specific clause from the existing license.
Bernie asks if this would affect the number of recreational marijuana establishments.
Mr. Rees states no.
- Article N- Funding For Repair Of Sewer Pipe At Fire/Police Station.
Mr. Rees states the sewer line at the Fire/Police Station needs to be replaced and it could cost upwards of \$100,000.
He will have more information next week.

7:30 PM. Tom motions to adjourn. Seconded by Jessica. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert A. Furtado

Finance Committee Secretary

accepted 10/18/2018

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