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Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2020

Members Present: Daniel Norian, Judith Leggett, Derek Staffier, Shannon Coffey, James Norian

Members Not Present: n/a

Also Present: Selectmen Eric Beckerman

The meeting of the Finance Committee came to order at 7:13 p.m.

A motion was made by Judith Leggett to approve the meeting minutes for February 26, 2020, seconded by Shannon Coffey. A roll call was done. Judith Leggett voted aye, Shannon Coffey voted aye, Derek Staffier voted aye, James Norian voted aye, Daniel Norian voted aye. The motion carries.

Restructure of the Finance Committee

A motion for nomination was made by Judith Leggett for Daniel Norian to continue as the Chair of the Finance Committee, seconded by Shannon Coffey. A roll call was done. Judith Leggett voted aye, Shannon Coffey voted aye, Derek Staffier voted aye, James Norian voted aye. The motion carries.

A motion for nomination was made by Derek Staffier for Judith Leggett to be Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, seconded by Shannon Coffey. A roll call was done. Shannon Coffey voted aye, Derek Staffier voted aye, James Norian voted aye, Daniel Norian voted aye. The motion carries.

A motion for nomination was made by Judith Leggett for Shannon Coffey to be Treasurer of the Finance Committee, seconded by Daniel Norian. A roll call was done. Judith Leggett voted aye, Derek Staffier voted aye, James Norian voted aye, Shannon Coffey voted aye, Daniel Norian voted aye. The motion carries.

A motion for nomination was made by Judith Leggett for James Norian to be Secretary of the Finance Committee, seconded by Daniel Norian. A roll call was done. Judith Leggett voted aye, Shannon Coffey voted aye, Derek Staffier voted aye, James Norian voted aye, Daniel Norian voted aye. The motion carries.

Discussions

Eric Beckerman, Selectman discussed with the Finance Committee that the town buildings are all closed to the public except by appointment in certain cases. The library reopened this week. The library is allowing five people per half hour by appointment basis only. At the last Board of Selectman meeting they decided to hold off until the next meeting on September 15, 2020 to discuss possibly opening the town buildings. . There are still no face to face meetings The Avon Public Schools are talking about reopening as of September 16, 2020 in a hybrid model.

Mr. Beckerman discussed what the impact of COVID-19 will be in regards to reduction in state aid, originally told there would be a 20% reduction. A message was received from Mr. Bill Galvin that it may not be as bad as the town thought. Governor Baker did fund certain things, like Chapter 70 for the schools, it was level funded from last year, which means they wouldn't lose any money but wouldn't get the extra money that we would need. There are still questions that need to be answered regarding this.

Mr. Beckerman has been monitoring the investments. The stabilization funds are doing very well. Expenditures are being watched very carefully. There is more money being spent on personal protection equipment which is all reimbursable through FEMA, this usually takes approximately 2-3 years. The Council on Aging Outreach program is up and running by appointment only and the vans are up and running as well.

Shannon Coffey asked about taking another look at the budget in September. The full year budget was ratified. Once the first quarter is in the books, the Finance Committee will meet towards the end of September to review. Mr. Beckerman will make sure the Finance Committee receives a copy of the manager's report.

Daniel Norian, Chair welcomed the new member of the Finance Committee, James Norian and thanked everyone for their great job with the budget!

Mr. Eric Beckerman, Selectman announced that Jason Suzor was elected to the Board of Selectman.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be determined.

The meeting of the Finance Committee was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Dan Norian, Chair

Judith Leggett, Vice Chair



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