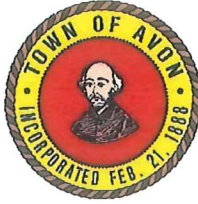


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Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2021

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

Members Not Present: n/a

Also Present: Selectmen Beckerman, Lynne McKenney, recording secretary

Chairman Daniel Norian announced that pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, Subchapter 20 and the Governor's March 23, 2020 Order imposing limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this hearing of the Finance Committee will be conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public was permitted, but every effort was made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order. Chairman Daniel Norian reminded the viewing audience that persons who would like to view this meeting while in progress may do so by joining the Zoom link for the videoconference in session.

Daniel Norian, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all members present except Shannon Coffey (joined at 6:40 p.m.) Each Board member acknowledged their presence at the meeting by responding in the affirmative during the roll call.

A motion was made by Derek Staffier to approve the meeting minutes of October 27, 2020, seconded by Judith Leggett. A roll call vote was taken. Richard Jordan voted aye, Derek Staffier voted aye, Judith Leggett voted aye, Shannon Coffey voted aye, James Norian voted aye, and Daniel Norian voted aye. The motion carries.

A motion was made by Judith Leggett to approve the meeting minutes of November 20, 2020, seconded by Derek Staffier. A roll call vote was taken. Richard Jordan voted aye, Derek Staffier voted aye, James Norian voted aye, Judith Leggett voted aye, Shannon Coffey voted aye, and Daniel Norian voted aye. The motion carries.

A motion was made by Judith Leggett to approve the meeting minutes of January 25, 2021, seconded by Shannon Coffey. A roll call vote was taken. Richard Jordan voted aye, Derek Staffier voted aye, Judith Leggett voted aye, Shannon Coffey voted aye, James Norian voted aye, and Daniel Norian voted aye. The motion carries.

Mr. Beckerman discussed the changes in the budget. The trash removal came in \$30,000 higher than expected. To make up for the overage the town health insurance was increased, which balanced the budget. There will be a new version of the budget coming out. Shannon Coffey asked if there was a new contract for the trash. Mr. Beckerman discussed that we are in the last year of the contract with the current company. The town has gone out to bid. The Board of Health makes the decision on what company to go with.

Selectman, Beckerman reviewed the list of articles with the Finance Committee. As he went through each article, the Finance Committee discussed any concerns and questions.

Shannon Coffey discussed the article regarding voting, which is being removed. Shannon Coffey and Judith Leggett would like to start from the beginning to see what was revised in the articles.

Daniel Norian, Chair discussed that the Town meeting time has changed from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. which was decided by the town moderator and the town administrator due to the amount of articles.

Article 4: Judith Leggett discussed how article 4 looks new. Mr. Beckerman clarified the reason why there are now thirty-four articles instead of thirty articles. The Finance Committee discussed the pre-pay with Mr. Beckerman regarding the water trust; it is part of the bond. Shannon Coffey questioned why the amount is different. Mr. Beckerman discussed that the first amount was an estimate, this is the actual.

Article 7: Shannon Coffey asked for clarification.

Article 11: Richard Jordan asked for clarification regarding the dollar amount.

Shannon Coffey asked what the purpose is of Fagan Drive becoming an accepted road. Judith Leggett asked about how they are going about getting all of the roads in Avon accepted as public roads. Selectman Beckerman discussed the difference between a public road and a private way. Mr. Beckerman discussed that a report will be completed by the DPW which will be received in the next six to 12 months regarding which streets/roads are private/public.

Article 16: The Stretch Energy Code article has been removed. This article has to do with a building code change. Not sure if the Planning Board and Building Inspector are in agreement with this article.

Article 17: Shannon Coffey asked for clarification.

Article 18: The Board of Selectman is still waiting on the wording for this article. It is regards to a change in the bylaw. There is a gas station in town that would like to be a self-service gas station with a convenience store. Currently, there is a bylaw that does not allow self-service gas stations.

Article 20: Derek Staffier and Richard Jordan asked for clarification regarding this article.

Article 21: Shannon Coffey asked for clarification.

Article 22: Shannon Coffey asked for clarification.

Judith Leggett discussed the school budget with the Finance Committee. She feels the spending is getting out of control. She has concerns. Mr. Beckerman explained that the Town of Avon does not receive as much money from the state as other school districts.

Article 22 and 23 Richard Jordan opposes.

Once the Town Administrator, Gregory Enos is done fine tuning the list of articles, the final version will be signed by the Board of Selectman for the Finance Committee to review.

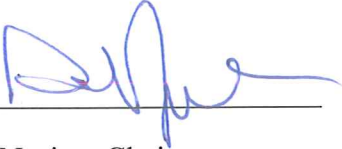
Article 29 and 30 regarding two fire department vehicles is possibly pending changes.

The Finance Committee has questions regarding the two articles regarding the fire station. Selectman Beckerman suggested the Finance Committee invite the fire chief to the next Finance Committee meeting to help answer questions regarding these two articles.

Mr. Beckerman has been appointed to the County Finance Committee and is up for re-election for Selectman.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Norian", is written over a horizontal line.

Dan Norian, Chair