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Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021

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

Members Not Present: James Norian

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 7:01 p.m. with all members present except James Norian. Each Board member acknowledged their presence at the meeting by responding in the affirmative during the roll call.

The Finance Committee decided to forgo the meeting minutes of April 1, 2021.

Changes to the town budget:

- Insurance brought down to help the budget. Insurance was suppose to increase 7%, it came in closer to 5% which allowed us to help with the trash expense
- Board of Health is hiring a temporary person to help out for the year. They are now advertising now for a temporary position due to the cost of 18,000 for the year. The cares act allows you to use their money until 12/31/21. It only affects the budget by 8,000
- Mr. Beckerman, Selectman, discussed that this is the same budget as they discussed in February. Waste disposal came in a lot more than anticipated due to the increase in fees that we have no control over. Went up \$70,000.

A motion was made by Judith Leggett to recommend the three changes to the budget as written, seconded by Shannon Coffey. The discussion on the motion was made by Richard Jordan regarding the where the line items are for the schools. A roll call vote was taken. Derek Staffier voted aye, Judith Leggett voted aye, Richard Jordan voted aye, Shannon Coffey voted aye, Daniel Norian voted aye. The motion carries.

The members of the Finance Committee agreed to allow an addition of three pages to the end of the warrant regarding the police, fire and the board of health information awareness for the town's people.

Richard Jordan discussed the Cleargov budget and the spreadsheet. He would like a corrected spreadsheet.

The Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Dan Norian, Chair