

JOINT MEETING MINUTES
Town of Heath
Finance Committee
May 14, 2020

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Ned Wolf, Jan Carr, Ken Gilbert Kathy Inman and Alice Wozniak present.

Brian Devriese, Gloria Fisher and Robyn Provost from SB present.

Also. Ken Roche, Don and Margaret Freeman, Pat McGahan, Jean and Bill Gran, Sue Lively, Will Emmett, Pam Porter, Betsy Kovacs and Barbara Rode.

Remote meeting motion to call to order at 6:02 by Ned; Kathy seconded.

We looked over the Article 3 prepared by Gloria. How to deal with a high budget?

The former school expense line is \$70,000, latest version is \$56,000.

Spreadsheets - \$78,000-Tim's salary and health insurance, but that already appears in Article 3, so subtracted that and health insurance. Property insurance, roughly \$13,000 is on another line. Do not have a quote yet.

What happens if someone questions why does there have to be any funding on Article 3? Debate ensues.

Brian stated the insurance and fuel are down and the building could have brought in \$13,000. If the line item is reduced too much on the floor, it would be detrimental to the building.

Discussed yellow-highlighted lines in Article 3.

Cuts: No COLA- \$6,000, 50% stipend - \$6,500, no cemetery mowing \$6,300 = \$18,800

To get an estimated tax less than \$24.25 requires \$50,000 in cuts.

Irene - \$170,000 coming in form of Free Cash. Best way to approach it is to assume money will be coming in. \$68,000 to pay down debt will leave \$102,000 to offset costs. We will not be able to use the money until the tax rate is certified in the fall. "Don't ever count on money you don't have in the bank."

Went over Ag Commission-no request so far; Planning Board request for Clerk – Hilma will check on these.

Zoning Board expense – leave in. North East IT- depends on Plan 2 or Plan 3, \$10,000 or \$12,528.

Plan 3 comes with Office 365.

The warrant has to be posted by 6/5. Recommendations by 6/2. Warrant needs to be done ASAP.

MPL Manager, \$9,880, 10 hrs a week at \$19.00 per hour.

\$56,000 - Tim's salary and insurance is presently paid out of District money, but can be paid out of Town Accounts. One option is to keep money in District account for repairs.

The money is not in a dedicated fund for the school but Brian advocates we use as intended.

Fincom asked why do we need that building and how do we justify it? Are we trying to sell or lease it? Alice stated we have gone through \$200,000 in three years. SB responded all buildings will be evaluated.

Alice recommended \$25,000 as \$56,000 is grossly inflated. Kathy made a motion to replace \$56,000 by \$20,000; Alice seconded. Vote taken – Kathy and Alice voted yes and Ned, Ken and Jan against. Vote failed.

Copier-only spent \$300.00 – has been paid off – Hilma will look into it; leave in Sawyer Hall internet; Insurance – still waiting; Town Report Printing- jail is not doing it this year because of Covid; Dump

Transportation-do not know if this is a firm number – find out from Jan Ameen; Uniforms – fincom did not recommend last year. Thicker pants and warmer jackets; Parks and Rec has two accounts; leave in Historic Commission as it is now more active; pre-school support?

Compactor will be a warrant article. Need another meeting to go over Jacobs Road.

\$201,334 inclusive of \$3,000 for IT start-up on warrant.

Salt & Sand overspent by \$14,677.42. This is the time of year we are allowed to make transfers. There is money left in the Town Coordinator salary account.

Tripp Farm will not be sold to a cannabis grower as the entity could not obtain funding.

Re Ned's article in the Herald, we learned that it has not gone to print yet.

The SB left at 8:45.

Discussed former school and spending. Talked about what the goals are.

4/28 minutes are a Google-docs. Not everyone was able to open them.

Discussed Free Cash statement made. In FY20, we had \$136,500 in Free Cash at the ATM. Lowered tax rate directly with \$30,000 and indirectly with \$21,540 loan payoff and \$55,000 new cab and chassis.

Kathy made motion to adjourn at 9:13; Ken seconded. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Carr