
Select board meeting called to order at 6:02 PM

Fincom meeting called to order at 6:03 PM (Bob made motion, Ned seconded). 3-0 in favor.

6:04 Tom Lively entered

6:06 Alice Wozniak entered

1. Select board discussed letter of town priorities that was sent to US Rep Jim McGovern
2. Conversation with State Rep Natalie Blaise (1st Franklin District):
   a. Efficiency and regionalization grant
   b. Bill to establish office of rural policy
   c. Bill to establish funds for rural roads
   d. Winter recovery program (WRAP)
   e. Funding increase for rural schools in governor’s budget
   f. ma.legislature.gov for bill notification
   g. repblaise.org for bills that she is sponsoring.
3. Smith Vocational School transfer student:
   a. 9th grade MRHS student chose curriculum not available at Franklin Tech.
   b. Student chose Smith Vocational as of January 2023.
   c. Heath must bear full cost of student, including transportation.
      i. Total cost of bussing divided by # of students = cost per student (10k?)
      ii. Tuition is 20k/year
   d. Tom suggested using 15k of 100k broadband repayment.
4. Auditor’s Report:
   a. Date for Tom Scanlon (auditor) to appear before select board
   b. Check for 33k has not been cashed by vendor
   c. Sue Lively made a motion to create an audit subcommittee with one member from the
      select board and one member from fincom.
   d. Will made the same motion to the fincom, Ned seconded. Vote was 5-0 in favor.
   e. Will made a motion recommending Alice as fincom’s member, Bob seconded. Vote was
      5-0 in favor.
   f. Audit subcommittee consists of Alice Wozniak and Sue Lively.
5. FY 24 Budget (Article 3):
a. Fire department: No budget numbers from Nick Anzuoni yet.
b. Planning board: meeting 13 March 2023
c. Accountant: 10k increase due to FRCOG salary survey and software update. Present software is unsupported, therefore no upgrade expense. Why 10k?
d. Tom noted that the FRCOG assessment is missing.
e. What about the salaries for library personnel (Tom)
f. Broadband note of 150k (Tom).
6. FY24 expenses outside of article 3-review
7. Fincom adjourned to another location at 7:50 PM
8. Fincom reconvened in the assessor’s office at 7:55 PM
9. Discussion of FY24 budget notes:
   a. FY 24 budget outside of article 3:
      i. Landfill maintenance: why 1k higher?
10. Next meeting: 16 March 2023 at 6:30 PM
    a. Alice stated that all documents must be included with posted agenda (1 week prior to meeting). Hilma should use her assistant to collect and distribute the documents.
    b. Tom recommended sending a note to the select board chair regarding this.
    c. Draft letter regarding help for Hilma.
    d. Draft letter to State representatives (rep/senator) regarding state funding.
    e. Alice made and Will seconded a motion that Tom email the select board chair recommending that all relevant documents should accompany meeting agenda. Vote taken??
11. Alice made a motion to adjourn, Will seconded. Vote was 5-0 in favor.
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

William T. Emmet