

Approved Minutes
Meeting in-person at 18 Jacobs Rd
Joint SB/Fincom Meeting
7 March 2023

Present: Bob McGahan, Will Emmet, Ned Wolf, Tom Lively [6:04PM] and Alice Wozniak [6:06PM].

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