

**Approved Minutes  
Fincom Meeting  
23 March 2023**

Present: Tom Lively, Will Emmet, Ned Wolf and Alice Wozniak [at 6:54 PM].

Absent: Bob McGahan

Tom called meeting to order at 6:36 PM

1. Review of minutes of February 21<sup>st</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup> (minutes of January 11<sup>th</sup> and January 17<sup>th</sup> tabled until later time due to executive sessions during both).
  - a. Minutes of February 21<sup>st</sup>: spell out “RRR” to “Reliability, Redundancy and Resilience”. Will made motion to accept as amended, Ned seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.
  - b. Bob entered at 6:50 pm.
  - c. Minutes of March 7<sup>th</sup>: No changes. Will made a motion to accept, Bob seconded. Vote 3-0 (Tom abstained).
2. Discussion of FY24 budget and Fincom contribution to Annual Town Report.
  - a. Alice entered at 6:54 pm.
  - b. Tom asked what was the purpose of the November 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting in Shelburne. Meeting was to discuss the MTRSD budget.
  - c. FY24 MTRSD budget. Governor’s FY24 budget increases aid to rural schools (see email from BOS on February 27<sup>th</sup> 2023).
  - d. MTRSD member towns need the relief provided by the proposed budget increase.
  - e. Hilma retiring as Town Coordinator in the summer of 2024. There will be an increase in office assistant’s hours in the meantime.
  - f. Tom: We need information for the SB regarding salary increase for the office assistant.
  - g. Alice: Do not jump from 3 to 15 hours per week for the office assistant. Meet in the middle. 8 hrs/week=7100.00/year, 10 hrs/week=8800.00/year, 12 hrs/week=10500.00/week, 15 hrs/week=13100.00/year.
  - h. Ned made a motion to accept the annual report as amended, Will seconded. Vote was 4-0 with Tom abstaining.
  - i. We discussed the highway department budget and specifically looked at the possibility of reducing full-time personnel from 4 to 3. What are other towns in our vicinity with similar road mileage and populations doing? This is being researched.
  - j. New item in budget: Heath now has an animal inspector with an annual stipend of 1000.00.
  - k. We discussed insurance (line item 39) and combining more items in article 3.
3. Will made a motion to adjourn, Alice seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

William T. Emmet