

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath Finance Committee  
Joint in Person Meeting with the Heath Select Board  
March 28, 2022  
18 Jacobs Road, cafeteria

Present: FinCom: Bob McGahan, Tom Lively (Chair), Ned Wolf, and Alice Wozniak  
Select Board: Robyn Provost-Carlson(Chair), Brian DeVriese, Sue Lively, and  
Town Coordinator Hilma Sumner  
Absent: FinCom: Will Emmet

Tom called the FinCom meeting to order at 6:10.

Members reviewed the March 21<sup>st</sup> 'list of accounts that still hold uncertain amounts' which Hilma sent and which Tom said the FinCom discussed in its meeting on March 23.

-Line 6, Salary Office Assistant: Tom said the FinCom discussed 10 hrs/wk (\$8800) and 8 hrs/wk(\$7000). The Select Board agreed on 10 hrs/wk (\$8800).

-Line 9,Town Accountant: The committees agreed on \$26,100 which is halfway between the FY23 amount approved (\$21,000) and the FY24 amount requested (\$31,200). The Select Board plans to discuss this among other items in a coming meeting with the Accountant.

-Line 33, Salary Building Maint. Coord.: Both committees agreed on increasing the hours by 5. The Select Board will continue to work with Tim on streamling what's getting done.

Line 33, Animal Inspector's Stipend: Both committees agreed on an increase from \$250 to \$1000. There is a new Animal Inspector.

Line 52, Animal Inspector's Expense: Both committees agreed on an increase from \$100 to \$250.

Line 58, Vehicle Gas and Oil: Robyn said that although Jeff originally requested \$35,000, he has since then questioned that amount. Both committees agreed on \$40,000. which was approved for FY23

Line 73, Board of Health Expense: Hilma explained that the BoH mistakenly sent in \$5K which was a \$4K overpayment for membership in 'mosquito control'. The town has not been fully reimbursed and will not be paying the \$1000 invoice. Both committees favored reducing the \$2,550 to \$1,500.

Lines 56 and 60, Salary Highway Dept. and Salary Winter Hwy. Wages: Tom said that the FinCom discussed recommending a reduction in the number of Highway Department positions from 4 to 3. Robyn will include a possible reduction in positions in her coming discussion with Jeff.

This concluded the discussion of the March 21 list from Hilma.

Line 14, MLP Manager's Salary: Tom said that the FinCom discussed how the work of the MLP Manager is done in some towns either without an MLP Manager or with one whose salary is less than the \$14,066 requested for FY24. Ned said that there are other towns with MLP Managers and that this year there has not been a request for a transfer of additional funds for salary payment as there was last year. The Select Board and FinCom said they want to meet with Sheila and the MLB to discuss the funding of the MLP Manager.

Line 75, Town Nurse: Robyn said that the Select Board will meet with Claire to discuss such things as the number of hours and joint work with the Council on Aging.

Line 46, Fire Department Expenses: Hilma said that the \$31,500 now in Draft FY24 Operating Budget does include an increase for software.

Alice and Hilma will discuss ways of combining lines in Article 3.

The committees reviewed the first draft of the 2023 ATM Warrant.

Tom said that the FinCom is scheduled to meet again at 6:30 on Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>. Robyn asked that the FinCom think about a plan for funding Highway Department trucks . She asked that we consider possible uses of free cash (certified to be \$65,155) in addition to \$14,600 to provide partial funding for tuition and transportation for a Heath student attending Smith Vocational. She asked that we think about the funding of a new salt shed for which possible sources include chapter 90 and ARPA.

Ned made a motion to adjourn at 8:35. Alice seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf