

Approved Minutes
Joint Fincom/Selectboard Meeting
4 April 2023

Present: Tom Lively, Will Emmet, Ned Wolf and Alice Wozniak [6:08PM].

Absent: Bob McGahan

Tom called meeting to order at 6:02 PM

Alice arrived at 6:08 PM

1. 8.3 k for tree trimming cannot come out of Chapter 90 funds per fincom's inquiry. Chapter 90 funds are solely for road construction.
2. The selectboard is looking at the list of fincom asks regarding article 3.
3. There is an ongoing discussion regarding what to do about the town Accountant and software.
 - a. FRCOG does provide accounting help to member towns. Not clear how much.
4. Alice stated that we need 1.5k allocated for a software link between the assessors and tax collector.
5. Tom stated that as a goal, the town budget growth should not exceed 2 to 2.5% on an annual basis.
6. There was a lively discussion between the selectboard and fincom regarding the reduction from 4 to 3 full-time positions in the highway department.
 - a. Robyn will speak with Jeff Johnston (highway superintendent) tomorrow (5 April).
 - b. The selectboard will meet next week to decide
 - c. Robyn is recusing herself from the meeting next week due to a perceived conflict of interest.
7. Item 75 of article 3 (Town Nurse): Sue spoke to the town nurse...
 - a. Home services most needed
 - b. What services does FRCOG offer?
 - i. Annual home visit.
 - c. What about a clinic at 18 Jacobs Rd during library hours to target children?
 - d. Alice suggested that we budget nurse for 7 hrs per week (10,233.00/year).
8. Warrant discussion:
 - a. The Smith Vocational student from Heath might be returning to Mohawk Regional High School (items 9 and 10). Heath would still be responsible for prorated tuition for this year's tuition and transportation (items 12 and 13).
 - b. Item 17: small truck for highway department (194,512.00)-
 - i. Brian is opposed to using Chapter 90 funds for this.
 - ii. We could finance with 85k from the vehicle stabilization account, some from free cash and the remainder financed.
 - c. Article 15 so far:
 - i. 65155.00 free cash
 - ii. 20k towards MTRSD error of 44k

- iii. 7.5k for audit stabilization account
- iv. 33k towards truck. Remainder could be borrowed.

Will made a motion to adjourn, Ned seconded. Fincom meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

William T. Emmet