

Minutes Holden Finance Committee, March 1, 2023, Senior Center

Members Present: Paul Challenger, Dave White, Don Graves, Al Berg, Stephanie Adams, Jane Titcomb
Donna Wallace, Marilynn Foley

Member Absent: Chris Lucchesi

Also Present: Peter Lukes Town Manager, Russ Hall Fire Chief, Sean Smith Deputy Chief, Jennifer Rhodes Assistant Library Director, and Library Trustees Richard Maurer, Alan Degutis, Russell Dye, Penelope Morgan

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Jennifer went over the Library budget narrative for the Committee. Included in the budget were computer purchases that had not been in the prior year 5-year Capital Budget Plan. She explained that CW Mars had updated their system and the current library computers were not compatible. The committee asked questions about the projected cost of the new computers. The upgrade of the library windows was discussed. More information is needed on the computers and windows. The Director will arrange a tour of the library for the FinCom in order to see the condition of the windows.

Russ went over the Fire Department Budget narrative high points. As with other departments, staffing had been challenging, however the Department has been fully staffed since last May. He has reorganized the structure of department personnel for more efficiency. A page was missing on the narrative that started with the Fire Capital Plan concerning the purchase of a ladder truck to replace the Sutphen tower truck. Since the Finance Committee policy was to have information several days prior to discussion, the Committee postponed the rest of the capital discussion until the next night, when the information would be available and we would have had a chance to review it.

The Historical Commission Budget is unchanged from F/Y 23.

Dave and Don had been appointed to serve on the Dawson playground project. They gave a brief update as the project is in the early stages.

A motion by Dave 2nd by Stephanie to approve the minutes of February 15, 2023 were voted unanimously

A motion by Donna 2nd by Al to approve the minutes of February 22, 2023 were voted unanimously.

A motion by Don 2nd by Jane to approve the minutes of February 8, 2023 were voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Marilynn Foley, Clerk