

Minutes Holden Finance Committee, March 15, 2023, Senior Center

Members Present: Paul Challenger, Dave White, Chris Lucchesi, Don Graves. Al Berg, Jane Titcomb, Stephanie Adams, Donna Wallace, Marilyn Foley

Also Present: Peter Lukes, Town Manager, John Woodsmall, Director DPW, Selectman Tom Curran

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

Peter relayed to the Committee that he learned that the WRSD will be asking for capital money for a new intercom system for the High School. This request was not in the WRSD Budget that was presented to the Finance Committee last week since it is a capital request, which is considered to be the member towns responsibility.

John reviewed the DPW Budget narrative for the Committee. The DPW is made up of 6 Departments: Administration, Engineering, Highway, Mechanics, Buildings & Grounds and Garage. John answered questions from the Committee. There was an explanation about providing cell phones for staff use, discussion about the standards used for vehicle replacement in the capital plan and everyday costs associated with operating the new DPW facility (budget is an estimate, as it has only been occupied since December). John updated the Committee on the benefits they have seen since moving into the new DPW facility.

The snow and ice budget will have a shortfall for this winter and there was discussion about an increase in that budget. Peter will look into that for the Committee. One reason for this year's increase is the cost of salt.

A motion by Stephanie 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don to approve the minutes of March 8, 2023 was voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Foley, Clerk  
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