

Minutes, Holden Finance Committee, May 6, 2020  
Remote Meeting via Zoom

Members Present: Paul Challenger, Dave White, John Lambert, Joe Dolak, Chris Lucchesi, Don Graves, Stephanie Abrams, Jane Titcomb, Marilyn Foley

Also Present: Peter Lukes, Town Manager, Stephanie King, Asst. Town Manager, Lori Rose, Town Accountant, Susan Scott, Library Director, Louise Charbonneau, Senior Center Director, Jay Brunetta HCTV, Larry Popple, HVTV Advisory Committee, Denise Morano, Recreation Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

Susan reviewed the Library Budget for the Committee and answered questions. Each Town Department purchases their own computers as they know what is needed for their department. Three nights being open is still working well. At this time the Library is closed due to the corona pandemic.

Louise reviewed the Senior Center Budget for the Committee and answered questions. Although the Senior Center is closed due to the corona pandemic, the vans are taking Seniors to medical appointments and needed errands. Meals on wheels are still being delivered. There was discussion about the new van purchase in the capital budget. The Senior Center is still looking for sponsors to assist in the van purchase. Members of the Committee expressed support for including the van in the capital plan for next year.

Jay reviewed the Cable Revolving Fund Budget for the Committee and answered questions. HCTV will be purchasing new equipment to upgrade the systems used in the studio and control room. They have held off the last few years as they exhaustively looked for a new site. They have determined that there is no good space in Town, so the time is right to improve the space that they have.

Denise reviewed the Recreation and Before/After School Revolving Fund Budgets for the Committee and answered questions. All programs are on hold due to the corona pandemic. Child Care is closed until June 29 due to social distancing. Denise is registering pool passes in the hopes the pool will be open this summer. At this uncertain time everything is up in the air. They are planning on making significant maintenance investments (\$450,000) in the pool for a new slide and pumping system.

Peter reviewed the Veteran's and Historical Budgets for the Committee and answered questions. The Veteran's agent is being very pro-active in finding and getting aid to needy veterans, which has increased the budget a little bit. The Town receives 75% reimbursement from the State for all costs.

There are 3 articles on the warrant for Town Meeting that have a financial impact for the Committee to discuss: Eagle Lake dam, school roof, heating and ventilating upgrades and purchase of property on Salisbury Street for open space.

John will prepare the Finance Committee report for Town Meeting.

A motion by Dave, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie to accept the minutes of March 11 were voted unanimously by roll call vote, ayes Adams, Challenger, Foley, Graves, Lucchesi, Titcomb, White. (abstained. Dolak, Lambert)

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Marilynn Foley, Clerk