

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes
Zoom Meeting Number
942 1860 4720

Date: January 25, 2021

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present: O'Connell, Cooney, Kuphal, Gillmore, Cooper, Wells, Kupcinskaskas

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Sean Hendricks, Town Manager, was present at our meeting

Sean Hendricks gave the Finance Committee an overview of his history as a Town Manager.

Sean Hendricks: I have completed my meetings with the department heads and am currently working on the proforma. I should have the revenue numbers within a week. It has been very challenging working without a Finance Director. The meals tax is down about 30% and that is a conservative number. New Growth may take a while to rebound. I don't like to raise taxes, just because I can.

Jen O'Connell: I received an email from Dr. Fitzpatrick about a month ago. He wants more money for BVT. He wants his share of the pie.

Sean Hendricks: I gave him money from the CARES Act, which was about \$29,000.

Jen O'Connell: Will the Town Meeting go on in May as scheduled?

Sean Hendricks: I believe it will be on time. This all depends on what the Governor's Guidelines are.

Jen O'Connell: I believe you have to present the budget to the Board of Selectmen by a certain date. Budgets are supposed to be in to you by December 15th.

Sean Hendricks: There is nothing in writing as to when it has to be presented to the Board of Selectmen. I believe in transparency. I welcome the input from the members of the Board of Selectmen when I present the budget to them.

Jen O'Connell: We are required to have a Public Hearing on the budget. I have tried scheduling 2 Public Hearings just to get some public input. We normally do not have any public attend.

Nicole Cooney: Can we get a digital copy of the budget instead of the binder?

Sean Hendricks: I can do that. That would save money on paper and time assembling the book.

Charles Cooper: I would like a digital copy also.

Jen O'Connell: I will find out who wants digital copies and let you know.

Jen O'Connell: I want to schedule our next meeting for February 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Jen O'Connell: In the past we have met on a Saturday and discussed the large dollar budgets, like the Police, Fire and DPW. We did not do this on the current budget. What are your feelings on meeting on a Saturday? The rest of our meetings are on Monday evening.

Sean Hendricks: I don't have a problem with a Saturday meeting. This will be a way that I can get to know how things work.

Upcoming FinCom Meetings

2/22/21, 3/6/21, 3/15/21, 3/22/21, 3/29/21, 4/5/21 and 4/12/21

Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded by Cooney to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Kuphal, yes; Cooper, yes; Kupcinkas, yes; Cooney, yes; Gillmore, yes; Wells, yes; O'Connell, yes

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Russell Wells
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