

SPENCER FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES- Tuesday June 17,2019- 7pm-Conference Room A
Spencer Memorial Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chairman Braney.

Members Present: Chris Bowen, Bill Shemeth (Town Moderator), Mary Braney, Dennis O'Leary, Ed Sproul, Paul McLaughlin, Tom Parker, Chris Woodbury, and Bill Wall. Town Administrator Tom Gregory was also present.

Chairman Braney announced that Selectmen Pepe was participating remotely in accordance with Regulation 940 CMR 29.10 of the Open Meeting Law.

Minutes of prior meeting were passed over.

Fire Chief Bob Parsons presented his request for a transfer of \$18,000 from the Fire Department Salaries Account to the Fire Department Expenses Account to cover the cost of unanticipated vehicle repairs. Fire Chief Parsons also presented a request for a transfer of \$20,000 from the Finance Committee Reserve Account to the Fire Department Expenses Account to cover the cost of unanticipated vehicle repairs. After some discussion, a motion was made by Tom Parker and seconded by Paul McLaughlin to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from the Finance Committee Reserve Account to the Fire Department Expense Account per MGL Ch. 44 Section 33 B. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Chris Woodbury and seconded by Dennis O'Leary to approve the transfer of \$18,000 from the Fire Department Salaries Account to the Fire Department Expense Account per MGL Ch 44 Section 33 B. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Dobson spoke to the Finance Committee regarding a potential future draft citizen's petition article which would appropriate 10% of funds from commercial solar installations per year to the Conservation Fund which is under the control of the Conservation Commission. Procedural issues were discussed. Chairman Braney noted that Mr. Dobson could address future Finance Committee meetings to address his concerns on this issue.

Motion by Tom Parker and seconded by Ed Sproul to approve the transfer of \$3,000 from the Board of Health Expenses Account to the ODIS Expenses Account to cover known inspector and office costs per MGL Ch 44 Section 33B. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Chris Woodbury and seconded by Tom Parker to approve the transfer of \$3,600 from the Tree Warden Salaries Account to the Tree Warden Expenses Account per MGL Ch. 44 Section 33 B. Transfer will cover unanticipated operating expenses. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Chris Bowen and seconded by Dennis O'Leary to approve the transfer of \$1,500 from the General Insurance Expense Account to the Veterans Agent Expenses Account to cover unanticipated operating expenses per MGL Ch. 44 Section 33 B. Motion passed unanimously.

There is no correspondence to review.

The financial management planning commission will be developing a 5 year financial plan. This is intended to be a 5 year action plan. As such it will be a live document rather than a document that just sits on a shelf. Finance committee representatives will keep the Finance committee apprised of the progress on the development of the 5 year financial plan and seek input as needed.

Paul Bouvier presented a liaison report on the Spencer- East Brookfield Regional School district. The district met its net school spending requirements. Special education costs continue to present a challenge financially to the school district.

Mary Braney will represent the Finance committee on the School Building Committee for DPHS.

Town Administrator Tom Gregory reported the sale of the Sugden Block was progressing and that there is some progress towards the lease of Lake Street School. The Lake Street School parcel will be sub divided.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 20th.

Chris Bowen made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Dennis O'Leary . Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM