

Spencer Finance Committee
September 22, 2020 7:30 PM
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Minutes

- 1) Call meeting to order: 7:34 pm
Members present: Mary Braney, Paul McLaughlin, Bill Wall, Paul Bouvier, Chris Bowen, Dennis O'Leary, Ed Sproul, Tom Parker, Nancy Tame, Chris Woodbury, Tom Gregory (Town Administrator), Bill Shemeth (Town Moderator), Ralph Hicks (BOS).
- 2) Announcement: Remotely conducted Open Meeting protocol
- 3) Minutes of June 22, 2020 meeting
Chris Woodbury made a motion to accept, Tom Parker seconded. By a roll call vote 9 were in favor with 1 abstained.
- 4) Committee reorganization for FY2020
 - a) Election of
 - i) Chair
Tom Parker made a motion to reelect Mary Braney as Chair, Chris Woodbury seconded. On a roll call vote all were in favor
 - ii) Vice Chair
Tom Parker made a motion to reelect Paul McLaughlin as Vice Chair, Chris Woodbury seconded the motion. On a roll call vote 9 were in favor and 1 abstained.
 - iii) Clerk
Dennis O'Leary made a motion to reelect Bill Wall as the Clerk, Tom Parker seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all were in favor.
 - b) Appointment of liaisons
 - i) Financial Management Planning Committee
Paul McLaughlin was reappointed, Bill Wall was appointed
 - ii) Capital Planning Committee
Chris Woodbury was reappointed
 - iii) Building & Property Reuse Advisory Committee
Chris Bowen was reappointed
 - iv) SEBRSC
Paul Bouvier was reappointed
 - v) Economic Development committee
No appointment was made at this time.
- 5) Meetings in future
 - a. Remote meeting issues
 - i) Move meetings to fourth Tuesday of the month
 - ii) Remote meeting status

- b. Potential projection of Go to Meeting screen

Since remote meetings are with us for a while it was discussed as to how the members felt about having their faces on SCA via the Go to Meeting app. The general feeling was this would not be an issue.

6) Correspondence

Via email Mary forwarded the Beacon and the City and Town bulletin from DLS

7) Liaison Reports

- a) Financial Management Planning Committee - Paul McLaughlin, Tom Parker

Nothing to report

- b) SEBRSC – Paul Bouvier

Working on getting online access to meetings

- c) DPHS Building Committee – Mary Braney

A project manager was hired. All is on schedule

- d) Economic Development Committee – Chris Woodbury

Nothing to report

- e) Capital Planning Committee – Chris Woodbury

Next meeting planned for October

8) Town Administrator

- a) Preliminary Fall Town Meeting information

Tom Gregory gave an update on where the town stands with the 2021 budget. Based on our Department heads quick action to conserve funds once the pandemic was upon us, the changes the state has made for towns to access free cash quicker, and their promise to level fund local aid at 2020 levels, it looks like the town will pull through year one of the pandemic and be able to fully fund the budgets after a few adjustments.

- b) FY 2021 Budget update Town and SEBRSD

The school district was able to tighten its belt and give the town a \$ 268,000 refund on their 2021 assessment.

9) Any other

Nancy Tame started a discussion on the Planning Board expenses that had to be covered by an article on the town meeting warrant. Tom Gregory explained that these expenses were wrongly posted to their account and this was to correct those mistakes. In the future it was encouraged that this type of detail will be needed by the finance committee before it will be able to approve a situation like this in the future.

- 10) Adjourn; 8:50 pm Nancy Tame made the motion, Tom Parker seconded, by a roll call vote all were in favor.

Next regular Finance Committee meeting October 27, 2020 – Vote Fall Town Meeting recommendations- tentative

Presidential election – November 3, 2020

Special meeting November 10, 2020 – tentative if required to vote Fall Town Meeting recommendations

Fall Town Meeting November 12, 2020, Prouty High School Gymnasium

