

Spencer Finance Committee
November 24, 2020 7:00 PM
Remote from McCourt Social Hall, Spencer Town Hall
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Minutes

- 1) Call meeting to order 7:05 pm
Members attending Mary Braney, Paul McLaughlin, Bill Wall, Paul Bouvier, Dennis O’Leary, Ed Sproul, Tom Parker, Nancy Tame, Chris Woodbury, Tom Gregory (Town Administrator), Bill Shemeth (Town Moderator).
- 2) Announcement: The meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker’s Executive Order of March 12, 2020, pursuant to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Virus. In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have suspended public gatherings, and as such, the Governor’s Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location. We are currently meeting with a combination of members present and remote. For this meeting, the Chair, Tom Gregory, Frank White and Larry Default are present, **all other members are remote**, and as such, all votes will be taken by roll call in accordance with Regulation 940, CMR 29.10 of the Open Meeting Law.
- 3) Minutes of October 27, 2020 meeting
Chris Woodbury made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Ed Sproul seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all were in favor.
- 4) Meet with Board of Sewer Commissioners and Jim LaPlante
Frank White and Larry Default elaborated on the answers sent by Jim LaPlante to the questions the Finance committee had sent the Sewer Commissioners pertaining to the upgrade project and future capacity issues. See handout.
- 5) Correspondence
DLS Report and the correspondence from Jim LaPlante.
- 6) Appoint member of Cable Advisory Committee
Nancy Tame volunteered for this committee
- 7) Liaison Reports
 - a) SEBRSC – Paul Bouvier:
From the 11/10 meeting the school committee extended the Superintendent’s contract for 3 years. There are currently 1366 students in the system,
 - b) DPHS Building Committee – Mary Braney, Designer Selection Sub-committee
Entering the next phase, they are advertising for an architect
 - c) Economic Development Committee – Chris Woodbury reported there has been no meeting since the last report

8) Town Administrator Report

Town Meeting Review

All went well at the special town meeting

FY 2021 Budget update

Considering what the economy has gone through with the pandemic, through careful planning by the town officers and department heads, the town is in very good financial shape

FY2022 budget process and outlook

December starts the budget process which will extend through May.

9) Any other

Chris Woodbury asked about a forensic audit process. The town administrator said that the Select Board would have to answer that question since this could be separate from the normal auditing process.

10) Adjourn 8:35 pm

Ed Sproul made the motion, Nancy Tame seconded, by a roll call vote all in favor.

Next regular Finance Committee meeting January 28, 2021

