



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Finance Committee

July 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Attendees:

Present:

E. Callahan, D. Comastra, C. Hodgens, D. Madigan, P. Maloney, C. Strapponi, K. Wilson

Absent:

D. Piatt

The Finance Committee meeting was opened at 7:05 pm by Chris Hodgens. This is a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee. Board of Selectmen minutes will be under separate cover.

Votes:

1. Council on Aging request for transfer was reviewed. The costs being covered fell within the same funding lines; no vote taken.
2. Town Clerk request for transfer was discussed. Additional expenses were incurred due to the increased number of elections in the 2020-2021 year. All voted in favor.
3. Parks Department request for transfer was discussed. Additional expenses were incurred for land surveying and maintenance of portable toilets. All voted in favor.
4. Interdepartmental transfers were made at the request of the Town Administrator for the purpose of balancing accounts for year-end purposes. Discussion regarding amounts billed in relation to the waste management contract was held with a request for further research for future informational purposes. The requirement to approve all transfers on or before July 15 of each year was raised. All voted in favor.

Events:

1. Minutes for previous meetings will be made available for review and vote at the next meeting.
2. The conclusion of the current EL Harvey waste management contract was highlighted (July 1, 2021 begins the final year). Diana Schindler indicated we have the option to extend the contract by one year.
3. The list of current requests for capital items was reviewed.
4. In July the Board of Selectmen will coordinate a meeting of Police/Fire/Highway Departments.
5. In August the Board of Selectmen will coordinate a meeting of all other departments.

6. The Finance Committee will meet to determine a way to prioritize and rank the importance of requests and make a recommendation for next steps by the end of August.

Future meeting dates to be determined.

The Chair called the meeting to Adjournment at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth S. Callahan

Recording Secretary
Hopedale Finance Committee