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Finance Committee Meeting Minutes March 21, 2018

I. 7:00 P.M. Call to Order

The March 21, 2018 meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Board of Selectmen Room and was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mr. Richard Dorney, Chairman. Members Present: Mr. Walter Eykel, Mr. Aaron Smith, Ms. Aimee Sawyer, Mr. Paul Helmreich, Mr. Richard Dorney, Mr. William Rotondi, Mr. Stephen Evans, Mr. Mike Fiore, Ms. Bonnie Yezukevich, Mr. Peter Carignan and Mr. Tom DeLuca. Also in attendance was Mr. Mike Yunits, Town Manager.

II. Warrant Article Discussions

Dr. Baeta, Superintendent of Schools, came forward and reviewed the School Department's proposed budgets. Dr. Baeta stated Special education costs are anticipated to be one of the largest expenses for the upcoming year. He also stated he would like to have money in the budget for a stabilization account. An extensive discussion ensued regarding class room size and ratio of students to teachers, as well as teaching methods and tools. Mr. DeLuca commented the requested amount requested is unrealistic and suggested Dr. Baeta and the School Committee reassess to cut down the requested figure of \$2.9 million increase from FY18. Mr. Deniz Savas, School Committee, came before the Committee and stated the budget includes mandatory expenditures by law, and the items being requested are items needed in this district. Major increase is for special education, which will decrease the general education budget. Dr. Baeta reviewed the placement process after a request from Mr. Evans. He stated he will provide the Revolving funds balances to Mr. Yunits. Mr. Evans requested by grade, the number of teachers actually teaching versus administrative positions. Dr. Baeta stated he will provide this report. Mr. Helmreich requested an impact report of granting or not granting the requested budgets and stated this would be helpful in deciding where the funds are allocated. Dr. Baeta described the mandated education needed for computer science and the reasoning behind increasing these resources. He will send further information to Mr. Yunits.

Mr. Yunits came before the Committee and reviewed the Town Clerk budget. Elections are up due to two state elections being held this year. There is an increase due to an increase in detail officers who will be in attendance during voting. Main. Incorrect salary information was presented. Mr., Yunits will provide updated information at a future meeting.

Mr. Yunits reviewed some of the Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting articles. These will be reviewed in further detail at the next meeting on March 26, 2018.

III. Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to Adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote:

Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Materials Provided:

- Budget Packets - #300, #161, and #162
- Proposed Budget Schedule Guidelines
- Estimated Revenues and expenditures – Draft
- April 2018 STM Score Sheet
- April 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant – Draft
- School Enrollment Data (DOE)
- School Articles Summary
- Schedule of Unpaid Prior Year Bills
- May 2018 ATM Score Sheet
- Chapter 90 Letter (02-26-18)
- Five-Year Capital Plan

Respectfully Submitted by: Kayleigh Correia, Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee on: March 26, 2018

Signature: Richard Dorney