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**Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2019**

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

The April 29, 2019 meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mr. William Rotondi, Chairman.

Members Present: Mr. Richard Dorney, Mr. Tom DeLuca, Ms. Aimee Sawyer, Mr. Aaron Smith, Ms. Bonnie Yezukevich, Mr. Steve Evans and Mr. Peter Carignan. Also in attendance was Mr. Mike Yunits, Town Manager.

Not in attendance: Mr. Paul Helmrich, Mr. Mike Fiore, and Mr. Walter Eykel

II. New Business

- A. Recognition of Mr. Kimball and Mr. Salvo's service to the town.
- B. Review of new growth, tax classifications, setting tax rate by Town Manager.
- C. Discussion of challenges in allocating not enough funding by Finance Committee Chairman Rotondi.
- D. **Article 15 – Stretch Energy Code** – overview by Building Commissioner Chris Carmichael.
 - *Current 'stretch code' has become widely adopted since it was introduced 10 years ago.
 - *New code is performance based and will include hiring a HERS Rater (Home Energy Rater) to design the building envelope to maximize energy savings. They work with the builder to design a tightly sealed system for each new building. HERS Raters are hired by the builder, not the town, and help to identify where the leaks in the building may be, to help improve energy efficiency. When construction is completed, a blower door test is completed to certify the energy efficiency of the building.
 - * This is the last step required in becoming a certified green community.
 - * Open forums have been held for builders and local homeowners, and no concerns were raised.
 - * Over 70% of communities in Massachusetts have already adopted these standards.

**Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend Article 15
Seconded by Mr. Dorney
Vote 8-0
Motion Carries**

E. Article 3 – STM – Budget Supplements

001-162-570 – Elections \$9,800

Motion: Mr. DeLuca

Second: Mr. Dorney

Vote 8-0

001-300-510 – Schools \$150,000

Motion: Mr. DeLuca

Second: Mr. Dorney

Vote 8-0

001-423-570 – Snow Removal \$43,963

Motion: Mr. DeLuca

Second: Mr. Dorney

Vote 8-0

All amounts are to be transferred from Free Cash for a total of \$203,763. Following this allocation, there will be \$434,000 remaining in Free Cash.

F. Article 9 – Contracts Exceeding 3 Years - Town Manager Yunits confirms Superintendent Baeta is fine with capping the contract terms at 7 years, per discussion at prior meeting.

G. Building Committee Holding an Open House in Yelle Cafeteria on 5/9.

H. Discussion of Budget Shortfalls, Free Cash, School Contracts, Operational Overrides, etc.

I. Chairman Rotondi requested a group of volunteers to attend the Board of Selectman's Meetings on a rotating basis. The goal is to improve communication and collaboration between the boards to move things in a positive direction.

III. Next Meeting Monday 5/6.

IV. Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mr. DeLuca to Adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

Second by Mr. Dorney

Vote: 8-0.

MOTION CARRIES

Minutes Approved by Committee on: William G. Rotondi 7/19/19

Signature: William G. Rotondi