

Minutes of the June 8, 2023 Finance Committee

Members	Absent	Other
Shaun Galliher	Tracey Lussier	Bob Graves, Town Administrator
Jim Chivers	Heather Brown	
Bonnie Conner		
Mary Rice		
Candy Galeucia		
Russ Parks		
Sarah Baumann		

The meeting was opened at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2023 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Mary Rice as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Shaun Galliher as Chariman. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Heather Brown as Vice Chairman. The motion passed unanimously. This completes reorganization of the Committee.

Bob Graves presented a "draft" of the upcoming SPTM scheduled for June 28, 2023 in the downstairs meeting room at Town Hall. Included is the approval of the CBRSD Assessment budget that was not approved at our ATM. Because six of the seven towns approved the Assessment, Hinsdale is obligated to pay our share. The amount is \$2,684,535.00 to be raised and appropriated. This amount reflects an increase of \$115,966.00.

Other items on the Warrant include the following;

\$4,500.00 from Free Cash to cover an outstanding FY22 invoice from the Town of Washington for Winter road plowing and sanding. This invoice was not submitted by the former Road Superintendent.

A vote to transfer \$35,214.01 in Bond Fund 25 (Cady Brook Project remainder that must be spent on road projects) to be spent on the Schnopp Project Phase 1 Engineering Oversight.

A vote to accept Chapter 41, section 110A that will allow the Select Board to determine when, if any, Saturday Office Hours will be held.

A vote to transfer \$7,282.00 (\$3,641 from Sewer 1 Surplus and \$3,641 from Sewer III surplus) to replace the sewer system's flow meter (including equipment and installation).

Bob Graves reported that he is still working with the Chief Procurement Officer for the State of Massachusetts regarding the bid for the Fire Department Tanker. He has scheduled a phone call with

him tomorrow and will update us by email.

Bob Graves reported that Jamie has completed the Water Management Document required but has no email address to send it to. The agency that it needs to be reported to has changed emails and he is trying to get answers as to where to send it.

Mary Rice reported that Bob Graves has sent out a letter to all Water, Sewer 1 and Sewer 111 users about the new rates approved recently by the Water Sewer Commissioners effective July 1, 2023.

To date there is no information on the delivery of our Highway Truck.

There was a request to increase the hourly rate for the Police Detail work from \$50.00 per hour, to \$60.00 per hour. The Town has set aside taxpayers money to create a revolving fund to pay the Officers for this work as the Companies are slow to pay them directly. The

Town charges a 10% administration fee for this. Since the Budget has already been set and voted on, this request cannot be considered at this time.

Chairman Galliher, Bob Graves and the Committee discussed the "carry over" accounts and existing balances in several others. The law allows these to be done in the first two weeks of July every year.

Chairman Galliher reported that the Reserve Fund has a balance of \$8,733.00.

Bob Graves reported that Jamie has purchased a new roller for \$125K, paid for with a Grant.

Bob Graves also reported that he met with the director of the Dalton Crane Museum on possibly leasing space in the Old Town Hall. This would be seasonal only and all items would be removed when the season is over. This is a discussion in progress.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:40 pm, the motion passed unanimously. The next regular meeting of this Committee is Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the downstairs Community room at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Rice, Secretary