

Minutes of the November 2, 2023 Finance Committee

Members	Absent	Other
Shaun Galliher		Bart Collins, Select Board Chairman
Heather Brown		
Bonnie Conner		
Mary Rice		
Russ Parks		
Tracey Lusier		
Candy Galeucia		
Sarah Baumann		

The meeting was opened at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2023 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Galliher and the Committee discussed various accounts that were trending high and the reasons. Chairman Galliher reported that the small highway truck is now in service, and the bigger one is being equipped with a plow. We have no news on when the replacement Police cruiser will be ready. The Town is liable only for the deductible of \$1000.00 and a new radio.

Chairman Galliher also reported that Bob is working on the USDA Grant for the new Fire Department Tanker. He also reported that Jamie Callahan had discovered an issue with a valve at the Water Treatment Plant that allowed water to leak out. He has now fixed it and labeled it so there is no issue like that in the future.

Chairman Galliher said the Tax Bills should be going out within the next few weeks. The delay is due to the State approving valuations, which delayed the Public Disclosure period and the Tax Clarification Hearing necessary before the rate can be set. The Committee discussed the increases in valuations driven by area sales. Bart Collins indicated the properties around the lakes have gone up substantially, and this is directly because of recent sales.

Chairman Galliher reported that Charlie Brown, Town Accountant, will be retiring from his job in Lenox at the end of June but would like to remain here in Hinsdale for three (3) more years. Charlie will take some time off during this process but will return. That is welcome news for our Committee.

Chairman Galliher has received the proposed revised CBRSD agreement and has emailed it to the Committee Members. This should be reviewed every 5 years and the original one was 1958. He asked that we all review it and we will discuss it at our next Finance Meeting.

The grinding work on East Washington Road, approved at a Special Town Meeting, should begin on November 6, 2023.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:18 pm, the motion passed unanimously. The next regular meeting of this Committee is Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the downstairs Community room at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Rice, Secretary

