May 10, 2021

Meeting of the Finance Committee prior to the Annual Town Meeting dated May 10, 2021. The meeting was held at the Ludlow High School Cafeteria, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Eric Gregoire, Chairman, Anthony Alves, Richard Moskal, Christopher Ganhao, Susanne Boyea, Joan Cavallo and Beverly Tokarz. Kim Collins was also present

Members excused: Maureen Downing and Nicole Parker

Mr. Gregoire informed the committee that there were two Articles that were held from the Special Town Meeting background for review.

Article 1 was to see if the Town will transfer from available funds a sum for unpaid bills or expended account of previous fiscal years. The amount prior was $436.55, from Free Cash. Ms. Collins believed the amount was being raised and appropriated. The amount stayed the same.

Moved by Mr. Alves, seconded by Ms. Cavallo to approve Article 1 in the Special Town Meeting in the amount of $436.55.
Vote: 7-0 in favor

Article 2 was to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash sufficient funds to cover the additional overtime expenses incurred by the Police Department. The dollar amount is $120,000.

Mr. Gregoire asked Ms. Collins if she had an opportunity to look at the PD's current personnel expenses. She did look at their year to date and calculated at what percentage they would need to bring them to the end of the year. She came up closer to $100,000, but there is a final retirement whose been on Chapter 111F. Vacation time will have to be paid back, so she suggests to leave the amount at $120,000. They have a deficit in overtime and once they fund the other item that amount would be appropriate. The amount would take into account overtime. It's the amount the department has and what they expect to spend.

Moved by Mr. Alves, seconded by Mr. Moskal to approve Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting in the amount of $120,000.
Vote: 7-0 in favor

Ms. Cavallo noted that Ms. Villano said that Article 1's expense would come out of Free Cash.

Moved by Mr. Alves, seconded by Ms. Boyea to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 7:06 p.m.
Vote: 7-0 in favor

Eric Gregoire

Joan C Cavallo

Susanne Boyea

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