Meeting of the Finance Committee held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 beginning at 6:01p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall.
Members present: Aneta Lombardi, Jennifer Duncan, Richard Moskal, Matais Goncalves, Susanne Boyea, Tony Sanches, Michael Lafever, Mark
Members excused: Darlene Cincone
Ms. Lombardi discussed the first order of business regarding a memo from Marc Strange, Town Administrator, regarding monthly meetings of directors chairs of all financial groups within the town. Mr. Strange had sent an email out extending an invitation to the chairs of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, and School Committee to meet monthly during the budget season of town staff to keep everyone updated and apprise of what's going on as we progress through the process. The thought was to put something in the town that everyone who can make it, whether in person, virtual or hybrid. The first meeting will be November 16, 2022. The chair of the Finance Committee (Ms. Cincone) will be attending. Ms. Lombardi stated she thought it was a great idea, with Mr. Goncalves agreed, as a way to keep everyone in the loop of the progress of the budget season. Second order of business is an invoice from MMA, previously approved at the September meeting, that was paid. It was discussed about what exactly MMA is and what benefits are we receiving from the membership and an explanation would be needed. Next, the designation of a liaison of the Finance Committee member to the capital improvements projects committee. Ms. Lombardi requested a member of the Finance Committee to step up. Mr. Sanches stated he would like to be nominated, while Mr. Goncalves also indicated he too would like the opportunity. Mr. Goncalves withdrew his request to give Mr. Sanches the opportunity. Mr. Moskal made a motion to nominate Mr. Sanches, motion was seconded, all were in favor. Next order of business was to review and approve the September minutes. Ms. Boyea made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Mr. Sanches seconded, all were in favor. Ms. Boyea discussed the liaison position as there used to be one to all departments to meet with the Finance Committee prior to creating the budget, as she had done previously. Mr. Sanches indicated that in the bylaws it was only the capital improvement committee that required the liaison so clarification would be welcomed. Ms. Boyea stated that the purpose was to get an idea of what each department was looking for prior to creating the budget and was beneficial. Mr. Sanches stated he believed that was the intent of Mr. Strange with getting the chairs together, however Ms. Boyea stated it was more on a friendly level, not to the specifics that Mr. Strange is intending. It will be revisited as committee members agreed it is beneficial to meet with departments and know what they are looking for. We want the departments to know we do want to give them what they need. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mr. Sanches to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mr. Moskal. Meeting adjourned at 6:15p.m.

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