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Meeting of the Finance Committee held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, beginning at 6:03 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall.

Members present: Darlene Cincone-Chairman, Aneta Lombardi, Tony Sanches and Matais Goncalves

Members excused: Susanne Boyea, Michael Lafever

Mr. Marc Strange was also present.

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

At this time the committee discussed changes to Level 2 2024 budget. Mr. Strange who took part in place of the Town Accountant noted the following budget adjustments that are not yet final:

- Board of Selectmen – consolidation two of the admin positions into one which was mandated by the union contract.
- Accounting department – possibility of keeping services of Clifford Larson CLA in some capacity for the next fiscal year.
- Accounts payable position currently being advertised that will consolidate accounts payable functions from all department to be conducted by one person.
- Town Accountant position has been filled – there will be an adjustment for her salary.
- Treasurer/Collector position (question on the ballot for March) – if it passes, both positions will be combined into one and will need both salary and benefits budget adjustment.
- Assesor's office – RFP is out for reduced consulting services; some of the work will also be done inhouse.
- Vet's benefits – possible adjustment of approximately $10,000.
- Final health insurance budget increase is down from 5% to 3%.

Mr. Strange will update the Level 2 budget worksheet to include these changes and will send it to the Finance committee before the next meeting.

Moved by Mr. Sanches, seconded by Ms. Lombardi to approve and sign the Finance Committee Minutes of January 18, 2023, as indicated.
Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Sanches to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 6:38 p.m. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

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