

Finance Committee Meeting, Buckland Town Hall – April 9, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance: Ben Murray, Michael Turley, Bill Knittle, Larry Langford, and Karen Blom. Also attending: Andrea Llamas

BM moved to approve minutes of 3/19/18 meeting, LL second, all approved.

The request by BOS of the state legislature for supplemental funding for our unmet share of Tropical Storm Irene has passed the house and will go before the senate in a few weeks. Our reps are very supportive of this. If it passes before town meeting the town will get reimbursed for about \$520,000 of the \$550,000 we still owe which means we won't take \$140,000 out of stabilization. We may need to use \$30,000 with a special town meeting to pay off the balance.

Discussed what if any, to spend of the excess levy limit since it's better than predicted. Refunding the Partnership \$5000 and the Buckland Rec road project \$7500 were considered. If \$12,500 is put back in the budget the effect on the tax rate is .06 to .40 per \$1000. We all agreed to put these two back in - no vote was taken.

Paula Consolo arrived at 7:23 pm

Request for transfer from the Reserve Fund for \$5000 to Police Salaries to cover reserve officers' pay excess while Sargent was on medical leave. Moved by PC, second by LL, all approved.

Discussed accounts that may need additional funding – winter roads and retiree health insurance. Winter roads account closed on 3/31/18 with a \$21,403.99 deficit. Andrea thinks she can fund these from the remainder of free cash, refunds of local receipts and from other underspent accounts.

Discussed, edited and approved Financial Memo and took the following actions on the town warrant:

Article 3 – Elected Officials Salaries - BM moved, PC second, all approved

Article 4 – Town Operating Budget - BM moved, PC second, all approved

Article 5 – Special Line Item Budgets – BM moved, LL second, all approved

Article 6 – Mohawk District Operating Budget - BM moved, LL second approved 4 to 2 against

Article 7 – Mohawk District Capital Budget - BM moved, KB second, all approved

Article 8 – New BSE Capital Request – skipped over pending more info from school committee rep

Article 9 – Smith Vocational Budget – KB moved, PC second, all approved

Article 10 – Franklin Tech Operating Budget – BM moved, KB second, all approved

Article 11 – Franklin Tech Capital Budget - BM moved, KB second, all approved

Article 12 - SF Wastewater Treatment Facility Operating Budget - BM moved, PC second, all approved

Article 13 - SF Wastewater Treatment Facility Capital Budget- KB moved, PC second, all approved

Article 14 – Town Road Repair and Paving - BM moved, PC second, all approved

Article 15 – Highway and Police Stabilization Capital Accounts - BM moved, KB second, all approved

Article 16 – Senior Center Capital Request - BM moved, KB second, 3 approved to 3 against

Article 17 – Debt from TS Irene – KB moved, PC second, all approved

Article 18 – Use of stabilization funds and free cash - KB moved, PC second, all approved

Article 24 – Local Sales tax on Meals – BM moved, LL second, all approved

Article 26 - Local tax on retail marijuana sales - BM moved, PC second, all approved

PC moved to adjourn, MT second, all approve, 9:00 pm. Next meeting Mon. April 16th, BPL
Respectfully submitted by Karen Blom

