

Town of Longmeadow

Minutes of the Finance Committee for March 11, 2020

Longmeadow High School Room A15

Finance Committee Members present; Maury Garrett, Jr.-Chairman, Eileen Morin-Clerk, Chaya Kosofsky, William Welch, Donald E. Griffith and Tom Dignazio

Finance Committee Members absent: Andrew Lam-Vice-Chair

Visitors: Marie Angelides-Select Board Chair, Steve Weiss-Community Preservation Committee Chairman, DR. Stephen Metz-Capital Planning Committee Chairman, Lyn Simmons-Town Manager, Paul Pasterczyk-Finance Director and Jason DuCharme-Town Accountant

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Discussions:

- Steve Weiss discussed the process of how the CPC Committee determines what projects to approve, how the process works, and where the funding comes from. Only six articles were approved by the committee this year with the total applications amounting to \$676,000. Steve also explained the purpose of article 24 on the upcoming warrant, which is for the administrative assistant that provides support to the committee as well as to pay for the committee's annual dues.
- Article 25 and 26, which pertain to the Storrs Library and Community House roofing projects was explained in further detail by the CPC Chair, as needing additional funding as there was more damage than originally thought when last year's request was made.
- Dr. Stephen Metz discussed the process of how the Capital Planning Committee determines what projects to approve and how the process works. The committee recommends projects that exceed \$25,000 and are prioritized based on safety and efficiency. A report is then provided to the Select Board for their consideration.
- Marie Angelides from the Select Board asked Maurie for the Finance Committee's recommendations on the draft warrant, while the committee has not officially voted on the articles they were still undecided on articles, two, six, seven, and eight and are requesting more information before a final decision is made. As of now the committee would not be recommending article eleven.
- The next meeting is schedules for March 23rd
- The Finance Committee voted to accept the minutes from February 18th (Approved 4-0-2) Tom Dignazio, and Chaya Kosofsky abstained
- The Finance Committee voted to accept the minutes from February 24th (Approved 4-0-2) Tom Dignazio, and Chaya Kosofsky abstained

- The Finance Committee voted to accept the minutes from March 2nd (Approved 5-0-1)
Chaya Kosofsky abstained
- Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm (All in favor 6-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Morin, Clerk