

Pelham Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday July 25, 2018

6pm at the Rhodes Building

In attendance: F. Vanderbeck (FV), B. Martell (BM), E. Marriott (EM) Guest: K. Ribeiro

*Approved
9/24*

Public Comment: None

Review and approve the minutes from 6/5

Non Available as the Secretary was not present

Reorganization

FV nominated JT for Chair and was seconded by BM, vote was unanimous with JT abstaining

FV nominate Tara Loomis for Secretary and was seconded by EM, vote was unanimous

FV nominated JT as representative to the Capital Planning Committee and that was seconded BM vote was unanimous with JT abstaining. Note: EM would like to attend and might consider the position for next year

Transfer money from the Reserve to the various over drawn accounts

Motion to transfer the necessary money from the reserve to cover the shortfalls in the operating accounts made by FV and seconded by EM, vote was unanimous

Warrant Article 35: No discussion needed.

Review of the Regional and Elementary school's current fiscal situation if needed

Two charter School students have moved from Town, but the way DESE works, Pelham cannot get the 2018 credit until the 2019 budget. The 2019 budget might see a surplus in that account for @\$40,000 if no additional students opt for a Charter School. The School Choice cost for Pelham Students attending a choice school is up by \$17,000 over 2018 as more students are choosing another school and some have special needs. Preschool had a loss in 2018, but looks only ok for 2019. No classroom numbers available at this time.

Update on Capital Projects

Diesel Fuel tank has been ordered and should be delivered in 6 weeks

Brush attachment for backhoe should be in during September

Buffam Road rebuild in the fall

Old Business: None

New Business that could not have been anticipated at the time this agenda was published

Motion made by FV to continue the membership in ATFC and pay the \$135.00 dues, seconded by BM vote was unanimous

MVP Committee has been officially appointed

The money to fund Article 45 (Internet for two houses on Shutesbury Rd) should come from Free Cash per our attorney.

MVP grant co pays to come from lower costs and then the grant money can be used, or other grant money will be used if necessary per K. Ribeiro

JT expressed concerns that the Energy Committee is proceeding with studies on the Community Center without involving or listening to The Head of the DPW. He also expressed concerns that the Select Board

which should acting as a check and balance is not involving the DPW head concerning the building.

Something to watch given all the money that the Town has spent on that structure

The Town has received a grant for commercial kitchen for the Community Hall?

The Caldwell Forest might be sold by UMASS

The Lederle Property is for sale and their might be a Buy-Sell agreement in place, some boards were pondering options for the town.

Next Meeting: to be determined

Adjourned at 637pm