

2024-3-11 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:00 present were Robert Baker, Roberta Wooldridge, David Honneus, Susi Westwood, Judy Cole, Selectboard liaison and Jeannie Sergeant, guest.

Minutes of March 4, 2024 were approved unanimously.

The budget sheet Bob sent to us was about \$1,000,000 low. Bob will be working on this with Paula.

Roberta will check with other towns to find out what COLA number they are using.

Peter Lapointe joined us on zoom to report on Building Committee work. The items on their budget relating to repairs and construction are special appropriations and don't expire. He related where the different projects were and what problems there are in finishing.

The committee continued to discuss COLAs, who gets them. We need to decide whether people who get a stipend should get a COLA. The tree warden has asked for one. Not given to that person in past. We will come back to this discussion.

Judy brought up the subject of technical service and updating. Discussion occurred.

Bob asked Jeannie if she wished to join the Finance Comm. Until buildings where meetings take place have better acoustics, she wouldn't be able to.

We need to discuss the Mohawk Trail proposal at a meeting. It has changed somewhat.

Next meeting March 18 at 5:00 on zoom. We may not need a meeting on March 25 but people agreed to keep it open. David will not be in town April 7-18.

State has an open comment period re whether the state or the towns will permit solar or wind businesses.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30

submitted by Susi Westwood