



THOMPSON Board of Finance
Special Meeting/ Budget Workshop- Minutes
Thursday, March 25, 2021
via Zoom from remote locations

1. The call to order by Chair Aaron McGarry was at 7:00 with all BOF members present.

Roll call: Members-Aaron McGarry (Chair), Jim Bellavance, Rob Mann, Rhonda Rooney, Robert Werge, Steve Herbert. Others- First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectmen Susanne Witkowski and Ken Beausoleil, Rich Benoit (Director/DPW), Orla McKiernan-Raftery (Finance Director), Janis Smith (Animal Control Officer), Board & Commission members, Town Officials. Department heads. Members of the public, Recording Secretary DottiDurst

2. Correspondence:

- Fire Marshal memo/PowerPoint 03-22-2021
- Draft copy front cover 2019-2020 Annual Report
- Memo: Fire Marshal fee schedule Inspections and Permits
- Library Services overview Presentation
- * After the agenda was posted: Fire Marshal Jamie Seney- regional comparison of fee schedules
- * Rene Morin: Overview of the Fire Fighter Rebate program and data specific to each Department and Volunteer

3. Citizens' Comments: Three minutes per person maximum: none

4. BOF discussion: proposed cover 2019-2020 Annual Report- the new town logo was favorably received by the BOF for the front cover of the Annual Report. The BOF chose to formalize their positive review.

Motion A. McGarry seconded by J. Bellavance to adopt the proposed Annual Report cover with the prominent new town logo carried unanimously.

5. The Budget Workshop opened at 7:05 PM (page 39, Fire Departments) and concluded at 9:05 PM (page 51, Public Works). A regular meeting of the Fire Departments on this date was rescheduled in order for several of the Chiefs to be present; Chief John Sharpe (Community Fire District) provided background information and answered BOF questions. Animal Control Officer Janis Smith and DPW Director Rich Benoit each respectively addressed points brought up by BOF members or questions regarding their departments.

The BOF has requested further information: 1). Income generated by all departments, such as Transfer Station/Bulky Waste, Animal Control, Trails/Rec/EDC events, Fire Marshal and all others. This will assist the BOF in putting the budget requests in perspective. 2). Details about the fuel price negotiations by the Finance Director and the sources of fuel expense reimbursements from the schools and other departments. 3). A list of the "over-shots" from the current fy. NOTE: The Finance Director is flagging the budget pages which the BOF wants to review during the second budget examination. The recording Secretary is keeping a list of information requested throughout the budget review process; it will be forwarded to the BOF.

6. Motion S. Herbert seconded by R. Rooney to adjourn carried unanimously.

Chair A. McGarry adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM.

The next Budget Workshop is Thursday, April 1 at 7 PM.

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Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Durst, Recording Secretary Dorothy Durst

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Board of Finance. Please refer to next month's meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.