

Weare Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 11, 2021 7:00 pm

Opening

The Meeting of the Weare Finance Committee was called to order at 7:00 pm on February 11, 2021 via Zoom Video Conference by Tom Downing, Committee Chair.

Present

Eileen Meaney – Town Moderator, Naomi Bolton – Town Administrator

Tom Downing

Megan Thellen

Leah Borla

Tom Clow

James Drury (ABSENT)

Tammi Hagman (ABSENT)

Rachel Cisto (ABSENT)

Gary Evans

Neal Kurk

Bill Anderson

Nicole Herbst

Christine Hague

Dennis Aubin (resigned from committee)

Approval of Minutes

Tabled

Outstanding Actions

None to discuss- **Notes for audio setup-Audio and microphone off on the laptop. Call in with external speaker and no internal microphone.

Sub Committee Reports

Weare School and JSRHS – Update from deliberative session – Megan – school will not be ready for her mail date. School may not be included in our mailer. Megan spoke with Jackie Coe for details on the process. Jackie noted that the school will do the session on the 17th they will be included in the town mailer. Everything must be ready by the morning of 18th so Naomi can get the information to the printer. Will there be any material changes that the FC may have to consider? The School Board will make a motion to cut by \$25,000. The FC committee will need to meet Wednesday night to discuss the change and vote again if we can. The school deliberative session will not be live streamed. If the 72-hour push happens by the school none of the school items will not be able to be included in the mailer.

Tom Clow – Bill has covered the information in the preamble so the FC should include our committee recommendations in the mailer.

Chris – Agrees that Bill has done a good job qualifying our recommendations. Add a date to ensure that the voters know that there may be new information from the school.

Tom Downing – if we make comments regarding overall tax rate and JSRHS is not included and it changes, he is uncomfortable adding FC recommendations to the mailer.

Bill – The proposed and default are very close.

Nicole – Could JSRHS blurb go out in the Weare in The World or the Town blurb?

Chris – if JSRHS comes out the tax table could be misleading. Add approximate figures to the notes.

Tom Clow – in favor of including with the note that the JSRHS numbers are subject to change. There is good information included regarding the proposed Warrant Articles and should not be confusing to the voters.

Review

Bill Anderson read the preamble to the FC recommendations.

Tom Downing – Where will the JSRHS asterisk be included. The preamble was edited for grammatical and informational changes.

Review James' recommendations to review the articles to ensure consistency in the recommendations with minority comments. The vote counts and verbiage was discussed, and the FC members agreed that the explanation of Article 6 was sufficient.

Article 16 blurb was reviewed regarding the plow truck. Add a sentence to note that we recognize that the truck is necessary but note facts only and not speculation. A decision was made to add a sentence will be added regarding the age of the vehicle and the cost of repairs paid in 2020.

Old Business – Right to Know request review – For the record, Tom D read the list of responses

No communication pertaining to the Right to Know request:

Tom D, Tom C, James, Nicole, Rachel, Tammi, Chris, Tammi, Gary, Bill, Leah

No response from Neal or Dennis

New Business: None noted

Agenda for Next Meeting

Tentative meeting on February 17, 2021 at 8:30 pm or within 15 minutes of the end of the School Deliberative session to discuss any changes that may have occurred.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm by Tom Downing, Committee Chair.

Minutes submitted by: Leah Borla, Secretary

Approved by: