## FINANCE COMMITTEE Minutes

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MILLBURY, MASS

Date: December 16, 2019

Present: Noonan, Cofske, Kennedy, Kupcinskas, O'Connell, Kuphal, Cooney

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Motioned by Kupcinskas, seconded by Cofske to accept the minutes of November 12, 2019 as written. Unanimous.

Jen O'Connell: We need to approve a bill for the legal ad we posted for the public hearing.

Motioned by Kupcinskas, seconded by Noonan to approve a bill for \$50.00 to Gate House New England, for a legal ad posting the public hearing for the Special Town Meeting, to be paid from the Finance Committee General Expenses account. Unanimous.

**Town Manager Screening Committee** 

Jen O'Connell: We need to appoint someone to this Committee. I am not available to serve on this, but if someone on the Committee is willing to serve, we can appoint them to it. We are the only ones that can appoint from our Committee.

Steve Noonan: I have the time to serve on this.

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kennedy to appoint Steve Noonan to the Town Manager Screening Committee. Unanimous.

Jen O'Connell: I would like to schedule a meeting for every Monday in March. I would like to take care of the Town Hall departments at the Saturday meeting. I would rather have the Sewer Department come in on a Monday, since I feel that the Saturday meeting will be lengthy with the departments that come in. We can cancel meetings, but this will at least have the meetings posted.

Chris Kennedy: I will not be able to make the Mondays in March.

Jen O'Connell: The School Department has their public hearing scheduled for February 26, 2020. Their first draft of the budget will be presented on January 8, 2020.

Jen O'Connell: We need to get a report from Andrew on what has already been spent this year and what is left in their budget by line item.

Scott Despres: I would like to see an across the board level funding on the budget. This would be for the budgets that haven't been promised specific items, or it could be for the entire budget. I voted for the school and the athletic fields, but that is it. We shouldn't go up 2-1/2% just because we can.

Steve Noonan: We need to look at the Capital Expenses. We need to decide if we want to keep them separate or put them back in their budgets.

Steve Noonan: When do you want to have the Saturday meeting?

Jen O'Connell: I would plan on March 7, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Our public hearing will be scheduled on April 6, 2020. We also need to schedule a meeting for January 14,2020 to discuss the draft of the School budget.

Motioned by Kupcinskas, seconded by Noonan to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Unanimous.