

Finance Committee

April 18th 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:32PM. In Attendance were Mr. Mark Carson, Mrs. Marilyn Fracasso, Mr. John Pshenishny, and Mrs. Prudence Spaulding. Guests included, Ms. Michele Shalaby, Mrs. Marsha Pshenishny, Mrs. Sandra Walker, Mr. Nathaniel Yohalem, Ms. Mari Enoch and Mr. Thomas Stalker.

The purpose of the meeting was to review several articles on the Warrant. The first three articles related to money that had been spent and had been paid out of the Roads and Bridges Account rather than having been assigned to specific account that were established for the sole purpose of repairing several specific culverts.

Article One: The amount of \$45,083.00 is needed to be transferred out of Free Cash into the Clayton-Mill River Culvert Account to cover the additional cost of replacing that culvert. Mrs. Spaulding questioned why this additional amount was needed to complete this project; Ms. Shalaby stated that the original planned cost of the project though large did not include the additional needed supplies. Mr. Carson stated that he had spoken to Mr. Loring, Highway Superintendent, who stated that there had been additional supplies needed to complete the project.

A vote to recommend this Article was made by Mr. Carson with Mrs. Fracasso 2nd passed unanimously.

Article Two: The amount of \$18,494.00 is needed to be transferred out of the Roads and Bridges Account into the Brewer Hill Drainage Account for the purpose of replacing the culvert on Brewer Hill Road.

Mrs. Spaulding 1st, Mr. Carson 2nd passed unanimously.

Article Three: The amount of \$6,638.00 is needed to be transferred out of Free Cash into the Brewer Hill Drainage Account for the purpose of replacing the culvert on Brewer Hill Road.

Mrs. Spaulding 1st, Mr. Carson 2nd passed unanimously.

Article 31: The sum of \$25,000 is needed to be transferred from Free Cash into the Tree Maintenance Projects Account for the purpose of trimming and removing trees. Mr. Pshenishny asked where these trees were and Ms. Shalaby stated that these trees were on the South Sandisfield Road between the transfer station and the Town of New Marlborough. Mr. Pshenishny suggested that there be more than one bid for this work, and Ms. Enoch assured him that there would be an effort to obtain more than one bid. Mr. Carson stated that the bid usually focused upon the machines and men that would be used for a project of this size.

Mr. Carson 1st, Mrs. Fracasso 2nd passed unanimously.

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There was some discussion about the proposed "override" of \$150,000 and Mrs. Spaulding asked why this amount had not been taken out of Free Cash. Ms. Shalaby stated that it was too late to change this and added people must be careful not to discuss this as it would look like one was campaigning!

The meeting adjourned at 7:05PM with most of the members remaining for the BOS meeting except Mr. Pshenishny who was scheduled for surgery the next morning.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM Mr. Carson 1st, Mrs. Spaulding 2nd passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Spaulding Secretary