

## RANDOLPH BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES—March 16, 2021

Board members present: Jerry Ward, Tamara Morgan, David Silloway, Michael Penrod

Absent: Rachel Putney

Finance Director: Cliff Rankin.

Selectboard Representative: Patrick French

Public: None

Meeting called to order: 05:02 PM EDT

Call for comments on the agenda. None.

Call for approval of minutes. None found, so will approve minutes from February & March at next meeting.

Call for appointing new officers after town meeting. Jerry offered to stay as Chair if no one else wanted to be chair. Michael moved that Jerry be chair, David seconded; all were in favor. Rachel tentatively re-appointed as secretary but not final due to her absence; will vote at next meeting. Pat will likely be Selectboard representative going forward.

Pat mentioned that we may have a new town manager; contracts just need to be signed. There will be a special meeting of the Selectboard on Friday March 19 at 3:00 PM to discuss the contract.

Discussion of bylaws and whether they were necessary. Decided to take the report (from the 2020 Town meeting booklet) of the vote on Article 28 from the 2019 Town meeting as a document to work from. The Committee recognizes that any changes to the language from Article 28 would have to be warned and voted on at the next town meeting.

Michael had 4 questions regarding budget lines about the Police station. The Singer building, which was bought to be a new police station, was sold at a net loss because of costs of upkeep and some development. Police district taxpayers should see little real loss (no increase in taxes due to this).

David had a question about 2 people in the highway department retiring and whether that would cause a net gain in the Hwy Dept budget. Cliff explained they were going to take advantage of this situation and create 2 new positions which would be covered half in Hwy (mostly plowing in winter) and half in Bldgs & Grounds (upkeep in summer) so that all the seasons would be covered most effectively.

Cliff said that at this point about 1/3 of property taxes are outstanding. He expects to see 60% of that come in by April so that the net deficit would be close to \$800k by April 1.

Update on the PILOT monies: after much backing-and-forthing, Cliff feels confident he now has the correct amount to write a check to the state for PILOT.

Jerry brought up Discussion of the procedure for cancelling a meeting. Cliff said just take it off the Town calendar.

Plans for next regular meeting 20 April, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM EDT