

Buckland Finance Committee Minutes
July 1, 2019

Meeting called to order at Buckland Public Library, 7:10 p.m.

Committee members present: Karen Blom, Paula Consolo, Ben Murray, Ciara Hayden, Raymond Lanza-Weil.

Others present: Marilyn Kelsey, citizen.

Raymond motions to accept the minutes from April 22. Ben seconds. Unanimously approved.

Ben moves that Karen be chair. Paula seconds. Unanimously approved.

Discussed a letter sent from the town of Rowe, dated May 3, 2019. It is a proposal to join a regional Finance Committee Association. Karen was directed by the committee to send back the reply postcard saying we are "Neutral/Unsure" with a note saying that the FRCOG should do this.

we believe

Senior Center Discussion

Karen will ask Larry if he will fill out the form sent from the Senior Center Expansion Committee, which is trying to get information about the views of the folks in town government. Paula is willing to help with this. The committee agrees that the senior center needs more space; the question revolves around how much more space and how much the town can afford for continuing operating expenses of a larger senior center with more programs.

Transfers

Snow and Ice budget is traditionally underfunded because it is the only line item for which we can overspend per state law. Gives us wiggle room in budgeting.

\$5,000 from Vets Benefits to Legal (for marijuana counsel)

\$500 from Treasurer/collector

\$300 from Assessor

\$700 from Selectboard

\$1,500 total to Postage

\$1,588 from Tax Title to Smith Voc/Tech

\$10,000 from Highway Machinery to Snow and Ice

\$39,791 from Health Ins. to Snow and Ice

\$3,500 from Debt Service to Operations Support
\$100 from Transfer Station to Unemployment Ins.

\$2,000 from Transfer Station to Town Administrator Salary

Raymond moves that we approve all transfers. Ben Seconds. Unanimously approved.

Raymond leaves at 8:05 pm

Discussion on Putting Town Budget on Website

Decided that we will not post on the website. We will create a PDF of the budget at the end of a budget meeting and send any interested citizens a copy of that PDF if requested.

Public Comment

Marilyn Kelsey noted that a June 13 meeting of the senior center committee there was discussion of hiring an ~~attorney~~. The committee will tell the public about the status of the Mason's building soon. *project manager*

Next meeting Sept. 16 at Buckland Town Hall at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by Paula Consolo

