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Finance Committee Meeting July 13, 2021

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Minutes of the Meeting

Meeting called to order 7pm:

Members in attendance (6): Padraic Elliott, Lisa Plante, Robert Grindrod, Kathi Carter, Jennifer Dupras, Carolyn Roberts

Town of Fairhaven: Wendy Graves, (Collector/Temporary Town Administrator); Mark Badway, Art Curator

Pat informed the committee that Bernard Roderick has resigned. The committee would like to express their appreciation for Mr. Roderick's years of service.

Vote to appoint Carolyn Roberts temporary recording clerk in Chris Fidalgo's absence: passed unanimous

Minutes of 6/12 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve made by Jenn, seconded by Bo – passed unanimous.

Committee discussed re-electing officers:

Motion to appoint Padraic Elliot as chairman made by Bob; seconded by Carolyn

Motion to appoint Lisa Plante as chariman made by Kathi; seconded by Lisa

Roll call vote: Vote for Pat: Bob, Jennifer, Carolyn

Vote for Lisa: Kathi and Lisa

Pat re-elected as chairman 4 to 2

Motion to appoint Lisa Plante as Vice Chair made by Jenn; seconded by Lisa – passed unanimous

Pat suggests hold off on electing permanent recording secretary until a future meeting with Chris Fidalgo present.

Mark Badway, Art Curator spoke about the need for funding to restore/repair/maintain registered art in the town. Regrets he didn't get an opportunity to speak before the committee prior to town meeting. His budget has been reduced over the years. Mr. Badway expressed his concern on the reduction of his budget and would like to see it restored next year.

The money is used for reservation and preservation of fine arts in Fairhaven. A separate gift account was opened for tours and kids' arts. Last few years I've used nothing from budget – what was planned to be done this year was to repair a couple of canvasses. Budget used to be \$1,200 – now down to \$200. Money isn't spent unless needed. Repairs run from \$500 - \$800 /\$1000. Hopefully \$1200 restored to budget next year. Years ago budget was \$2400.

Pat reviewed prior year budget meetings and the limited time the committee had to obtain information and prepare for town meeting. Pat expressed the committee's apology for not notifying Mr Badway of the cut and stated the committee needs to be sure to pay attention to each line no matter the size of the department.

Wendy also expressed regret that Mr. Badway wasn't notified of budget cut due to the time constraint. She advised Mr. Badway to obtain quotes on restoration needed for next year's budget.

Bob questions if this year you have to have appraisals done. Mark responded it should be done every 5 years, nothing has been added to collection so it'll be an easy process in another 2 years.

Topic turns to budget year end transfers:

Pat question the need and why dept heads are not staying within budget. This is money already spent and transfers needed to cover.

Transfers:

1. Conservatioin Commission:

\$200 from office supplies to salary. Wendy explained they didn't estimate enough to cover cost due to long meetings.

Motion made by Lisa,seconded by Bob - passed unanimous

2. Board of Appeals – exceed amount for advertising. Wendy explained have to be advertise for hearings \$60 from salary to advertising Jenn asked why salary line had a balance. Wendy stated meetings were shorter.

Motion made by Bob,seconded by Lisa - unanimous

3. Town Clerk –

From contracted services elections \$4175 to contracted services town clerk to codify town meeting articles.

Motion made by Carolyn, seconded by Bob - unanimous

Pat advised this is the last meeting of this budget season. There probably will be a fall town meeting. Wendy agreed. In that case we'll probably start meeting in October.

Committee would like to have in person meetings. Hopefully will have some state guidance.

BPW meeting room is being setup for in person and include zoom for the public to attend.

Pat – we'll have to look at social distancing to meet in person.

Motion to adjourn made by Bob, seconded by Lisa: passed unanimous

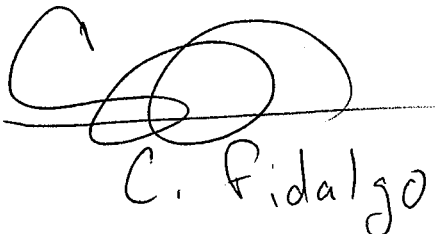
Meeting adjourned: 7:40 pm

Wendy expressed her gratitude for the committees hard work and support over the past year. I really appreciate all the help

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Roberts

Temporary Recording Clerk



C. Fidalgo