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Finance Committee Minutes 3/16/23

Committee Members Present: Nicholas Sammarco, Mark Johnson, Christopher Sottile, Joe Marino, Kevin Clancy, Krystale Bithoney, David Rabinovitz.

Committee Members Absent: Mark Johnson.

Staff and Anticipated Speakers Present: Brian Noble (Town Administrator); Julie Herbert (Town Accountant/Finance Director); Jeff Johnson (Board of Selectmen).

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

- **Mr. Sottile introduced the newest member of the Committee, David Rabinovitz.**
- **Discussion of agenda item 2.1 (Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting) began at 6:31pm.**

Motion to approve minutes for 3/9/23 made by Mr. Sammarco, seconded by Ms. Bithoney, approved unanimously.

- **Discussion of agenda item 3.1 (Debt Schedule) began at 6:31pm.**
 - Ms. Herbert detailed the debt schedule of the Town.
 - Questions from the Committee began at 6:36pm and pertained to anticipated changes and the removal of the Jackson School debt from the debt schedule.
 - Public comment began at 6:40pm and featured comment from Ms. Minch of Legion Drive and Jeff Johnson of Bow Street.
- **Discussion of agenda item 3.2 (Water Project Funding Proposal) began at 6:44pm.**
 - Mr. Johnson detailed the Select Board's proposal to the Committee.
 - Questions from the Committee began at 6:49pm and pertained to calculation of cost to ratepayers and well users, timeline for approval, the purchase scheme with North Attleborough, the reasons for this approach in the specific context of the water needs of the Town.
 - Public comment began at 6:53pm and featured comment from Ms. Minch of Legion Drive and Mr. & Mrs. Desprez of High Street.
- **Discussion of agenda item 3.3 (Town Administrator and Selectmen Budget) began at 7:13pm.**
 - Mr. Noble detailed his budget request to the Committee, with input from Ms. Herbert.
 - Mr. Johnson also commented on the addition of the full-time employee in the Select Board budget.
 - Questions from the Committee began at 7:29pm and pertained to the addition of a new full-time employee, how the cost savings in the health insurance cost was discovered, health care costs in the future, insurance mitigation, and consultant services.
 - Public comment began at 7:49pm and featured comment from Ms. Minch of Legion Drive and Mr. Desprez of High Street.
- **Discussion of agenda item 3.5 (General Budget Discussions) began at 7:56.**

- Mr. Clancy requested a more detailed presentation of sources and uses across all departments prior to deliberations.
- Public comment began at 8:01pm and featured Ms. Minch of Legion Drive.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mr. Sammarco at 8:08pm passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: 3/30/23 @6:30pm