



Town of Wales

Finance Committee with BOS Meeting Minutes

Thursday 4/15/20 @ 6:00 PM

Wales Senior Center

Members attending: Keith Davis(KD), Jillian Mustion(JM) in person and Shanon Grasso(SG), Roy Lainson(RL) on the phone.

Also in attendance were the three selectman, the BOS executive secretary, and other unidentified people on the phone.

Called to order at 6:10PM

New Business

New Reserve requests – None

- Discussion was conducted by the BOS on the animal inspector position, the members of the IAC committee, and a review of the transfer station senior advisory position.
- Discussion was held on upcoming meetings: The BOS are operating under the expectation the town meeting will still be on May 20th. If the stay at home order is further extended they will adjust fire at that time.
- Discussion was held on the FY21 budget. ~IT capital improvement was increased to \$20,000 per year for three years to cover the \$60,000 cost of required town computer upgrades. ~BOS considering a decrease to the reserve fund amount. ~BOS advised finance committee the board of assessors is a stipend position and not a salary position so no annual increase should have been applied. ~ All boards were level funded this year. ~ BOS will review the treasurer and assistant treasurer job descriptions to confirm duties and responsibilities. ~BOS requested a \$5,000 increase to police wages to cover the SRO the school cut. ~The four clerk positions for the various inspectors is actually one person doing all four jobs. Three of the four line items were given the 2% yearly increase. The increase was

also applied to the fourth line item. ~ The tree warden, an appointed position, cannot be the road commissioner, as is usual, due to the current title for the position being under MA general law. ~BOS voted to zero out highway commissioners clothing allowance. ~BOS requested cemetery maintenance be deleted and the funds moved to building maintenance so the highway department could purchase mowing equipment and take over the responsibilities. ~The custodian line items under library, town hall, & senior center are all to be deleted and combined as one line item under BOS custodian. All three wage levels were averaged. ~The amount needed for Parks may be reduced by Highway doing the mowing and not needing an additional hire. ~BOS advised finance committee not to increase the 32B insurance allocations. They are sure their negotiations will produce at least level funding for this line item.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm

Reserve balance before meeting: \$22,460

Reserve balance after meeting: \$22,460