



Town of Wales

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday 1/9/20 @ 7:00 PM

Wales Town Hall

Members attending: Keith Davis(KD), Roy Lainsen(RL), Jillian Mustion(JM), Shanon Grasso(SG)

Called to order at 7:03PM

Old Business

Review/approve prior meeting minutes: see below

New Business

New Reserve requests – none

- Approve a group of meeting minutes covering the meetings from 11/14/19 and 12/12/19. Keith made a motion to accept which was seconded by Roy and the motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion on a \$40,000 increase to the town's retirement fund. The town has added two new employees in the past FY. Keith is going to call and collect details on the factors of this large increase.
- This committee, along with BOS, have been invited to a school board meeting on 1/15/20. Shannon Grasso will be attending.
- Four budget requests for FY 20-21 were received: Police Department, Town Clerk, Senior Center, and Highway Dep. Each was separately discussed, see below. The Fire Department, BOS, and Treasurer have all stated their budget requests will be submitted in the next 1-2 weeks. The School Board's public hearing is in March, budget request will follow shortly. All other departments have not been in contact.

- Discussion on the Police Department's budget request: The police chief's salary line item is increasing per contract. Keith is requesting a copy of the contract from Pam. Request for replacing computer needs to be moved to the tech fund under the BOS section of the budget. Several questions were raised by the committee, a list of these will be sent to Chief Dessert in anticipation of a February meeting.
- Discussion on the Town Clerk budget request: The increase on the election line item is due to the primary and presidential elections during this fiscal year.
- Discussion on the Senior Center budget request: The increase in wages request is to comply with new minimum wage standards but municipalities are not required to follow minimum wage standards. Assessment of the building roof needs to be addressed by capital planning. Next meeting 1/21/20.
- Discussion of the Highway Department budget request: Several questions were raised during discussion of this budget request. These questions will be sent to the highway commissioner in anticipation of a March meeting.
- Discussion was held on other anticipated budget requests. Jillian will request information from Pam on numbers from the transfer station year-to-date. The status of the elementary school building in conjunction with enrollment are an ongoing financial concern. Additional funding options considered are grants and renewing the Norcross agreement with the town.

Meeting adjourned: 8:34pm

Reserve balance before meeting: \$37,500

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