

MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting: February 1, 2022

Present: Jerry Cerasale, Chair; Steve Cole, Vice-Chair; Mary Shaw, Clerk; Roy Merolli; George Deptula; Tom Gardner; Peter Wade; Jacqui Beebe, Town Administrator; Art Autorino, Select Board Representative; Rich Bienvenue, Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director.

Members Absent: Rick Knight, Russ French

Jerry Cerasale called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM. This is a remote meeting via Zoom.

- **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of 1/19/2022 presented for approval.
 - Mary Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Roy Merolli.
 - Roll call vote: 7-0-0, approved

- **Discussion of Town Budget for Community Services: Library; Recreation; COA; Health & Environment.**

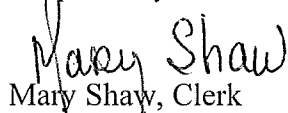
- Rich Bienvenue introduced the Community Services Budget. These departmental budgets reflect a level service budget and reflect negotiated wage increases and relatively nominal inflation adjustments. Beach and Recreation seasonal wages also reflected increases due to minimum wage increase and to provide competitive rates to attract candidates to certain positions.
- Melanie Fernandes, Library Director provided an update on library programs and upcoming plans. Mary Shaw, also a Library Trustee added that the Trustees continue to provide additional financial support to the operating budget.
- Jane Crowley, Health & Environment Director provided an update on the work her department accomplished during 2021.
 - Delivered the highest level of public health services, ever for the town.
 - A lot of the departments work was related to the COVID response and was approached in conjunction with the Emergency Management Team.
 - The Department ran several vaccination clinics and test kit distribution events.
 - Environment related work continued to progress with the issuance of a draft TWMP. Jerry Cerasale asked about the status of the Permeable Reactive Barrier being installed and Jane provided an update as to how it was working as hoped.
- Dorothy Burritt, COA Director provided an update on COA programs and the pending strategic plan to address the future of COA programs and facility needs. Currently the COA Board is undertaking a needs assessment.

- **New Business**

- Next meeting is February 9, 2022 at 5:00pm.

- **Adjourn** – Motion by Steve Cole, 2nd by Tom Gardner. Roll call vote 7-0-0, approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Shaw, Clerk

