## Carver Select Board Joint with Finance Committee & Capital Outlay Meeting Minutes Town Hall- 108 Main Street April 22, 2024 - 7:00pm

In Attendance: John Cotter (also Capital Outlay member), Sarah Hewins and Dan Ryan.

Absent: Chair Mark Townsend and Jim Hoffman

In Attendance for Capital Outlay: Chair Elizabeth Sulger, Vice Chair John Cooter (also Select Board), Jennifer Cullum and Jackie Lake

In Attendance for Finance Committee: Chair Alan Germain, Vice Chair Elizabeth Sulger (Chair for Capital Outlay), Walter Cole, Tony Macrina and Patrick Meagher.

Ryan nominated Hewins as acting Chair, second by Cotter

Vote: 3-0-0

Hewins opened the meeting for the Select Board at 7:09pm.

## Police Department Budget Review:

Cotter asked about lowering the overtime and Chief Duphily explained that they increased this a few years ago, but since the number is based on percentage change they do the best they can to keep it to the number presented.

Cotter asked about the training for the Police Department.

Duphily stated that the training line is only covering the actual training, not the overtime to complete it. Some of the money will be returned to them with operational training.

Cotter also asked about the dues and memberships. Duphily stated that he has been working diligently to get those numbers as accurate as possible.

## Discussion of school budget with school administration:

Germain asked Cotter for last year when the Health Insurance was moved above the line, he was wondering why the percentages for school versus town split changed from last year. Cotter explained that he did not know why the percentages have changed.

Cotter asked about School Choice, the number of School Choice students is a results of families moving once the student hits high school and giving the student the ability to

finish school in Carver. There are currently sixty students positive in the School Choice program, mean more students are choosing to come to Carver rather than leave.

Knief explained that they have to be mindful to not take too many students through School Choice, making sure they can cover the expenses of these students.

## **Next Meeting:**

April 23, 2024

Motion to adjourn at 9:26pm by Ryan, second by Cotter.

Vote 3-0-0