

CARVER FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2019 MEETING

Present: Alan Germain; Chairman, Kathryn Bandzul; Vice Chairman, Members: George Callahan, William Duggan, Patrick Meagher, Elizabeth Sulger, Patrick Kenneally, Adam Holmes, Kevin Sullivan, Michael Milanoski, Town Administrator and Recording Secretary Marianne MacLeod.

Absent: Steve Pratt

Chairman Germain opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting will be recorded by Area 58.

Public input. None.

Grant application review and possible vote for South Shore Community Action.

Lisa Spencer, is the Deputy Director of South Shore Community Action in Plymouth, which is a private, non-profit 501C3 organization. They are funded by federal, state and private monies. She gave an overview of the work they do and the people they help and support, including, but not limited to Carver residents.

Mr. Duggan shared a newspaper article he read in a local paper regarding the Anti-Aid Amendment. Mr. Germain explained that is regarding giving money to groups without town oversite. This is why at Town Meeting the Finance Committee was given authority to do this.

Ms. Bandzul made a Motion to approve the Grant request for \$5,000, seconded by Mr. Callahan, voted and passed unanimously 9-0-0.

Mr. Germain requested Ms. Spencer send an invoice, on letterhead and he will forward it to the Finance Department. The board members thanked Ms. Spencer for attending tonight's meeting.

Administrator update. TA or Finance Director. Including but not limited to the start of the budget season.

Mr. Milanoski started with the budget forecast. They are approximately 99% complete with the 10-year forecast. He anticipates the year-over-year increase will be close to 2.5%, including several changes.

With regards to now being a green energy community, all buildings have been gone through. There are other areas that can be reviewed. This is a great cost-saving program.

Mr. Milanoski updated members on the Police Station Building Advisory meeting that was held today. There were 7 bids received for the project. He reviewed the bids and estimates of the project. He is requesting the Finance Committee to support the Capital Outlay Committee to release their reserve fund of \$1,085,000 into the police station building account, with the intent that when the money from the Elementary School is release from MSBA, the money will be paid back. Mr. Germain would like to put this under the 48-hour rule, as far as it wasn't on the agenda tonight, to facilitate this going forward.

Mr. Meagher asked for more definition regarding the money coming from the MSBA and a little background and why it is a sure thing. Mr. Milanoski explained yes it is a sure thing. It was expected because that project was a little different with getting town authorization; and due to other changes, and cost savings, which resulted in barely touching the contingency.

Ms. Bandzul made a Motion to release \$1,085,000 from the Capital Outlay Committee Reserve Fund to the Police Building Fund, seconded by Ms. Sulger, voted and passed unanimously 9-0-0.

Update on senior survey and its' financial impact to the town going forward.

Mr. Savery Moore presented before the members, the results of the recent survey from older residents of the town. He shared a power point presentation, giving information on things they'll be looking for in the future from a financial state. The next step is to put the entire survey in front of the COA Board of Directors and to figure out what the best next step will be. Mr. Moore answered a couple of questions from members. Mr. Germain thanked Mr. Moore for coming tonight and sharing this important information.

Read and approve minutes of July 18, 2019 meeting.

Ms. Bandzul made a Motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Sulger, voted and passed 6-0-0, with members who were not present at the July meeting abstaining from the vote.

Committee member comments.

None.

Next meeting date and time is December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Starting in January meetings will be held with Department Heads. Discussion was made regarding changing the meeting night to Mondays and this will be considered starting in January.

Ms. Bandzul made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by seconded by Mr. Holmes voted and passed unanimously 9-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne MacLeod **Recording Secretary** Joted & Approved