



## **TOWN OF CARVER**

### **CARVER FINANCE COMMITTEE**

108 Main Street  
Carver, Ma. 02330

#### **Minutes of June 16, 2020 @ 7:30 PM**

#### **Joint Meeting with Select Board and Finance Committee:**

In Attendance: Alan Germain; Chairman, Kate Bandzul; Vice chairman, Patrick Kenneally, Beth Sulger, Bill Duggan, Marie Zweigman, Adam Holmes.

Town Meeting Warrant Articles: Free Cash, Budget,

Germain: At the March joint meeting, the Free Cash article has a \$99,000 line item for future restructuring for Permanent Town Administrator and to fund an Interim.

The \$99,000 is in article 4 as a free cash item with no explanation. Free cash is now being used to fund an employee's salary. It becomes a problem when more free cash is needed to fund teachers, etc. under the premise that it has been done before.

Would like this moved back into Article #3 (Free Cash)

Holmes: Feels this funding was going to be handled a certain way and it was changed at some point. His concerns about leaving this in the budget articles (#4) – Town Meeting does not have the ability to approve or disapprove the use of the \$99,000. If it goes to Town Meeting this way, it increases the dollar amount of the article and the way the policies are written it cannot be done this way.

He is not in favor of using free cash to fund an operating expense.

Hewins stated that it is traditional that you cannot go up on expenditure, but you can go down.

Holmes cited town meeting procedures wording.

Belbin stated if this wording is put in, then it gives more flexibility to Town Meeting in his opinion. He asked if it gets voted down, what does this mean

Holmes stated the budget would need to be reconfigured.

TA stated that his recommendation is that it be moved to Article #3 with the appropriate explanation. Should Town Meeting take other action on that appropriation, then it will need to be dealt with.

Motion by Belbin to move the \$99,000 to Article #3 from Article #4, second by Townsend.

Germain stated this maintains the way the town does things and does not set a precedent for future needs.

The former TA is currently being paid through payroll and in the big picture it is a two-year contract and then it ends so it can be funded differently next year. This makes everything more transparent.

Germain & Holmes both stated if the former TA payout is moved out of the payroll, the Dept. of Revenue would not approve of this.

SB Vote: 5-0

Finance Committee: Holmes Motion to move the \$99,000 free cash item from the budget article #4 to free cash #3, second by Bandzul.

FC Vote 7-0

Finance Committee re-vote on Article #3: Motion to approve by Holmes, second by Bandzul.

FC Vote 4-3

Finance Committee re-vote on Article #4: Motion to approve by Holmes, second by Bandzul.

FC Vote 7-0

Community Preservation Committee: Finance Committee previously voted 7-0.

Select Board motion to recommend by Townsend, second by Belbin.

Holmes stated that the amount listed is the 10% that needs to go into the line item as well as the money owed to the bond on the King Property.

SB Vote 5-0

Rescinding Article: The Finance Committee previously voted 7-0

Finance Committee motion to adjourn at 7:55pm by Bandzul, second by Sulger.

FC Vote 7-0

Note: Thank you to Elaine Weston for providing this portion of the Select Board minutes.

Respectfully Submitted.

Alan Germain, Chairman