



TOWN OF CARVER

Carver Finance Committee

108 Main Street
Carver, MA 02330

Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2020
@ 7:00 PM
Carver Town Hall, Second Floor Room #1

Present: Alan Germain; Chairman, Kathryn Bandzul; Vice Chairman, Members: George Callahan, Bill Duggan, Adam Holmes, Elizabeth Sulger, Kevin Sullivan, Marie Zweigman, and Town of Carver Finance Director; Meg LaMay

Also present, Mary Ross and Jim Hoffman; Carver Recreational Department, and Recording Secretary, Kelly Dicarli

Absent: Members; Patrick Meagher, Patrick Kenneally, and Town of Carver Administrator; Rick LaFond

Tardy: None

Meeting Opened: 7:02 P.M.

A: Pledge of Allegiance

B: Meeting will be recorded by Area 58

C: Town Administrator and/or Finance Director update:

Town of Carver Finance Director; Meg LaMay reviewed 2020 financial update which included the following:

- Towns penalties
- Financial interest
- Surplus deficits
- Financial decline of collection and revenue (including solar revenue, trash, and 7.5% cut to local receipts)
- Receival of state aid-level funding
- Potential School budget cuts
- Free Cash and its calculation
- Misunderstanding with real estate and property tax bills
- Ongoing Town of Carver spending freeze
- The Town did not meet the projected/target meal tax for 2020, however fines and forfeits. came above budget.

D: Discussion of Grant Program and funding.

Chairman Germain distributed the Town of Carver Grant Program application procedure and reviewed recent changes made on the proposal for the following year. Both applicants: Shane Thanks and South Shore Women's Health are pending due to spending freeze.

Vice Chairman Bandzul made a motion to Amend the Grant Program as written. Seconded by Member Sulger. Voted and passed unanimously, 8-0

E: Discussion on Carver Finance Committee bylaw 4.3.7 and its impact to the committee.

Chairman Germain opened the forum and reviewed the Carver Finance Committee bylaw 4.3.7. Chairman Germain summarized if this bylaw is accurate, then this excludes the Finance Committee Members for any other committees in the town. Chairman Germain stated there is no law to recuse however Committee Members must divulge if there is a possibility being impartial to committee topics and/or voting. This bylaw will be addressed during the fall town meeting with the expectation of a clear definition proposed. Chairman Germain addressed this concern with Board of Selectman to which it was noted this bylaw was placed to avoid conflict of interest. The Finance Committee Members voiced how this bylaw impacts themselves and the committee.

Member Holmes voiced he would like to see clarification of the bylaw language and a potential dialogue with the town counsel.

F: Discussion on availability of funds for security cameras at playground.

Chairman Germain stated it was brought to his attention there are no cameras at the playground and was never put in the budget. Chairman Germain noted this is essential for the safety of the children, avoid potential vandalism, and those using the bathrooms. The Finance Committee Members are willing to support this security camera plan. Per Chairman Germain, Steven Mahoney is investigating a plan and will obtain a few bids to review prices.

G: Discussion on legal bills provided by Town Administrator.

Member Sulger created and reviewed with the Finance Committee the documentation regarding legal bill analysis, deficits, and largest spending.

H: Minutes: Reviewed minutes of July 13, 2020

Vice Chairman Bandzul made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Member Zweigman. Voted and passed unanimously, 7-0-1

Member Holmes interjected and voiced a dollar amount error from the July 13, 2020 meeting minutes on Section E paragraph one (1). Member Holmes voiced the correct amount should be \$1,811.06.

Vice Chairman Bandzul made a motion to the correct July 13, 2020 meeting minutes of \$1,811.06. within Section E. Seconded by Chairman Germain. Voted and passed unanimously, 7-0-1.

Member Callahan abstained.

I: Any topics not reasonably anticipated by the chairman 48 hours in advance.

Chairman Germain acknowledged and presented a notion of increasing the social involvement of a activities for the Council on Aging amongst Senior Residents within the Town. The Finance Committee hypothesized with Mary Ross from the Carver Recreation Department reconstructing the old tennis courts for variety of league and leisure events. Per Chairman Germain, David Siedentopf (Director of Operations and Maintenance) will look further into this. Chairman Germain noted potentially using the funds from the State funding Cares Act to fund this plan however, Meg Lamay reported there needs to be a financial town projection prior to spending any of the Cares Act funding.

J: Next meeting date and time:

1. Regular Finance Committee Meeting: Monday, September 21 at 7 P.M.
2. Town wide sustainability study meeting: TBD

K: Public comment: None

L: Committee member comments: None

M: Follow up for next meeting:

1. Status of availability of funds for security cameras at playground.
2. Update on the Carver Finance Committee bylaw 4.3.7 definition/town meeting date
3. Financial updates from the Town regarding the increase of activities for Senior Residents/Council on Aging

N: Adjournment:

Vice Chairman Bandzul made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Callahan. Voted and passed unanimously, 8-0

Meeting adjourned at 8: 10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly DiCarli

Voted & Approved