



CARVER FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2022, MEETING

Present: Chairman Alan Germain, Vice-Chairman Adam Holmes: Ron Clark, Bill Cullum, Walter Cole, Patrick Meagher, and Elizabeth Sulger.

Also Present: Sue Moquin and Recording Secretary Ashley Swartz.

Absent: Tony Macrina and Bob Fennessy.

Mr. Germain opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM.

Meeting to be recorded by Area 58

Public comment

Re-organization of the committee

Mr. Meagher nominated Mr. Germain as chair, seconded by Ms. Sulger. Passed 6-0-1 with Mr. Germain abstaining. Mr. Cole nominated Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Sulger. Passed 6-0-1 with Mr. Holmes abstaining.

Town Administrator, Finance Director update: Yearend outlook

Mr. Germain asked what shape we are in, Sue said "pretty good shape". IT wasn't budgeted properly but there is enough money in the budget. Mr. Germain noted there would be a recap during the June meeting.

Transfer requests

Recreation: Sue explained that the \$25,000 agreed upon was going to take it out of the Capital expense and there needs to be a revote for the field cameras. Mr. Clark made motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Ms. Sulger, approved unanimously 7-0-0. Mr. Germain asked Mary to put some items on her wish list for the upcoming year's budget.

Town Clerk: \$8,970 needed for additional clickers (300 total) used during town meeting. All were returned after the last town meeting and Cara noted there was a lot of success at the meeting due to the clickers. Mr. Germain mentioned that the extra clickers were requested prior to the Town Meeting, and they opened 538 clickers – which leads to the purchase of more. Cara mentioned that our clickers can be leased to neighboring communities. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Ms. Sulger, approved unanimously 7-0-0.

\$1,525 requested to get one more poll pad (total of four). Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Ms. Sulger, approved unanimously 7-0-0. Mr. Germain thanked her for all the work at this last Town Meeting.

Grant requests: Shane Gives Thanks

Monica from Shane Gives Thanks. 3,000 Carver residents have been served over the last year. 30 additional have been served in the last week. Mr. Germain noted it is sad that we need it but glad that we have it available. Mr. Clark approved the grant of \$5,000, seconded by Ms. Sulger, approved 6-0-1 with Mr. Cole abstaining. This grant is for the fiscal year 2023 and requested Monica send Mr. Germain a bill. Peyton Pack program is a free or reduced lunch and now they provide extra meals over the weekend for kids and families in who are in need. Mr. Germain wanted people to be aware of this - \$18,000 is spent out of pocket for this program. This is not eligible for an additional grant because they are under one number. There was a suggestion by an audience member to tap into the funding the school received from Covid. There are 30-35 Peyton Packs put out a week. Monica said single serve oatmeal, single serve meals, and healthy snack alternatives. Sue suggested placing boxes in town buildings for donations. Mr. Germain asked it to be run by Bob and they would investigate it.

Read and approve minute:

03/07/22 Ms. Sulger made a motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2022, seconded by Mr. Clark, approved unanimously 7-0-0.

03/15/22 Ms. Sulger made a motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2022, seconded by Mr. Clark, approved unanimously 7-0-0.

03/28/22 Ms. Sulger made a motion to approve the minutes March 28, 2022, seconded by Mr. Clark, approved unanimously 7-0-0.

04/05/22 Ms. Sulger made a motion to approve the minutes April 5, 2022, seconded by Mr. Meagher, approved unanimously 6-0-1.

Next meeting date: June 13, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Additional Items

Mr. Holmes asked about interested new members. Mr. Germain said George Callahan was interested. Mr. Germain also discussed the appointment for Capital Outlay needed to take place next meeting.

Mr. Germain said three fire apparatuses have gone down – there was damage to the brush breakers the vehicles were sent to our DPW mechanics, they were able to rebuild the broken differential as well as the water tank with new fabrication. Mr. Germain wanted to recognize Dan Cloudier, head mechanic and Ivan Cabassa, assistant mechanic for a job well done and helping save upwards of \$15,000. “We are lucky to have dedicated people in this town whose job goes un-noticed, thank you for your dedication and work ethic, you are the unsung heroes of Carver!”

Motion to adjourn Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Meagher, unanimously approved 7-0-0.

Adjourned 7:36 PM

Minutes submitted by Ashley Swartz.

Voted & Approved