

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
FINANCE COMMITTEE
SELECT BOARD
NOVEMBER 13, 2023
TOWN HALL
5:30 PM**

Finance Members Present: Julie Hannum, Chairman
Nadine A. Hawver
David Macy
Colin Smith
Kenneth Smith

Board Members Present: Robert C. Kilmer, Jr., Chairman
Nadine A. Hawver
Rene C. Wood

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Jill Hughes, Assistant Town Administrator

Chairman Hannum opened the Finance Committee meeting at 5:30 PM.

Chairman Kilmer opened the Select Board meeting at 5:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Selectman Wood moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 10, 2023, seconded by Selectman Hawver. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 10, 2023, seconded by D. Macy. The motion carried 4-0, K. Smith abstained from the vote.

REVIEW OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Administrator LaBombard discussed Article 1 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. She explained that the Select Board found a piece of property located at 1739 Hewins Street that meets the needs for the new Highway garage. Administrator LaBombard stated that the cost is \$225,000 and the Select Board voted to use ARPA funds for the purchase. D. Macy moved for the Finance Committee to recommend Article 1 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by C. Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Smith moved for the Finance Committee to take no action on Articles 2-7 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by D. Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Wood moved to recommend Articles 1-7 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectman Hawver. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUESTING LEVEL FUNDED BUDGET FROM SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (SBRSD):

N. Hawver discussed an email she received inquiring if Sheffield would be asking the SBRSD for a level funded budget. There was discussion on declining enrollment and increased costs. It was the consensus of the Finance Committee and Select Board to have Chairman Hannum and Chairman Kilmer attend a School Committee meeting to discuss the budget.

Selectman Wood left the meeting at 5:56 PM to attend the Conservation Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING MARIJUANA FEES:

Administrator LaBombard stated the Cannabis Control Commission has ruled that marijuana businesses cannot get back the money they paid for community impact fees. She stated that the Town no longer collects community impact fees. Administrator LaBombard stated the Town annually collects approximately \$400,000 in excise tax for marijuana retail sales.

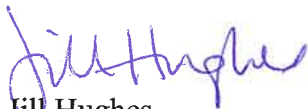
N. Hawver moved to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting, seconded by K. Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Hawver moved to adjourn the Select Board meeting, seconded by Chairman Kilmer. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 6:14 PM.

Chairman Kilmer adjourned the meeting at 6:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill Hughes
Assistant Town Administrator

Documents reviewed at this meeting:

Draft Meeting Minutes

Special Town Meeting Warrant