

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MAY 12, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING
5:40 PM**

Board Members Present: Rene C. Wood, Chairman
Martin C. Mitsoff
Robert C. Kilmer, Jr.

Finance Members Present: Colin Smith, Chairman
Julie Hannum
David Macy
Emily Davis

Finance Members Absent: Kenneth Smith

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

Chairman Wood opened the Board of Selectmen meeting at 5:44 PM.

Julie Hannum opened the Finance Committee meeting at 5:44 PM.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

There were no minutes for approval.

Colin Smith joined the meeting at 5:47 PM.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FY20 AND FY21 BUDGETS:

Administrator LaBombard reviewed the changes to the FY2021 budget. She stated that she removed the Free Cash Articles and added \$24,000 to the Fire Department budget for inspections. Administrator LaBombard explained that previously the inspections were in a revolving fund, but now that the Town pays Great Barrington to do their inspections the cost has increased and the revolving fund is now negative. A discussion ensued.

Administrator LaBombard stated that Financial Services went from \$20,000 to \$5,000 because the current budget will be encumbered to pay for the audit in November. A discussion ensued. Administrator LaBombard stated that the school budget was increased a few dollars. David Macy talked about the school assessment and asked if Melanson Heath could review the assessment numbers. A discussion ensued regarding the school budget. David Macy discussed potential cuts to State Aid and moving Free Cash to the Reserve Fund.

Discussion ensued regarding the purchase of a new fire truck and the Fire Truck Stabilization Fund. Selectman Mitsoff stated he will get the current rate for the State House Notes. Administrator LaBombard will contact Pierce regarding the price of a new truck.

Julie Hannum left the meeting at 6:29 PM.

Administrator LaBombard will work on a revised budget for the Finance Committee to review in two weeks or so.

Administrator LaBombard stated that the Board of Selectmen voted to deficient spend for COVID-19 expenses not to exceed \$75,000. She stated that if the Town does not get reimbursed from FEMA/MEMA then it would require a Town Meeting vote. A discussion ensued.

Selectman Mitsoff moved to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by Selectman Kilmer. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting, seconded by Emily Davis. The motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM.

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill Hughes
Assistant to Town Administrator

Documents reviewed at this meeting:
FY2021 Budget