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SELECTBOARD & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2017

Call to Order: The Selectboard and Finance Committee meetings were called to order at 6:35 PM.

Selectboard Members Present: John Ward, Greg Snedeker, Randy Crochier

Selectboard Members Absent: None

Finance Committee Members Present: Timmie Smith, Tupper Brown, Ronnie LaChance, Fred Chase, Claire Chang

Finance Committee Members Absent: Nancy Griswold, Jacob Rau

Others Present: None

Timmie Smith announced that Claire Chang would be participating remotely during tonight's meeting due to personal illness.

Resignation: Nancy Griswold has submitted her resignation from the Finance Committee as well as the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, effective today. Her knowledge and experience will be missed.

Meeting Schedule: A meeting schedule was developed for the budget process, culminating with a June 5th, 6:30 PM, continuation of Annual Town Meeting. Non-financial matters will be addressed on the opening night of Town Meeting on May 1st, 7:00 PM. The agreed upon schedule will be distributed at the next meeting.

Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting: It was decided by consensus that any articles for capital items will be saved for a Special Town Meeting in June, likely on June 5th. The Capital Improvement Planning Committee is not yet finished with its review of the capital requests.

FY18 Revenue Projections: A handout showing revenue projections for FY18 was reviewed. New Growth is estimated at \$30,000, which is higher than last year's estimate, but is still conservative. It includes the roughly \$15,000 of PILOT revenue from the NMH/Borrego solar project.

There is \$153,764 of Free Cash available for building the budget, funding one-time projects, and contributing to stabilization accounts. Ray noted that the budget still has a \$68,000 "addiction" to Free Cash – the amount of Free Cash that is built into the operating budget. He recommended, if it's possible, to reduce that amount. Local Receipts are estimated at the same amounts as FY17. Revenue from Motor Vehicle Excise taxes is estimated very conservatively, partly in order to generate the yearly Free Cash needed to feed the budget's "addiction." It was pointed out that in FY11, the actual Motor Vehicle Excise collected was only \$4,450 more than the estimate – a frightening occurrence which is hoped not to be repeated.

COLA Handout: A handout of the Personnel Committee's COLA recommendation for FY18 and supporting materials was distributed. A 2.5% COLA has been recommended. The matter was taken under advisement, and will be discussed further as the budget picture comes together. Individual members will do their own research about the proposed COLA.

Old Minutes: Minutes from 4/27/16, 5/4/16, 5/5/16, and 6/13/16 were distributed and will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

Fin Com Adjournment: The Finance Committee adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Selectboard Adjournment: The Selectboard adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington.

Signed copy on file. Approved 04/19/2017

Randy Crochier, Selectboard Clerk

Adopted by the Finance Committee in lieu of separate Finance Committee minutes on 4/19/2017.