Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, April 8, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Chairman Kristian Whitsett and members Shelley Roberts, Jackie Walsh, John Redeker and Deborah Andrew

**Upcoming meetings** 4 p.m. 4/10 Selectmen meeting with Fin. Com. 7 p.m. 4/17 Meeting with seletmen to finalize warrant 5/7 Town meeting Old Business

**Town Warrant:** The committee looked over the selectmen's minutes from March 20 on the warrant. Overall, the committee supports the selectmen's stands on most spending. Some items include: Keeping the assistant assessor's hours at 20 rather than 24 Reducing the Board of Assessors and Health Board salaries by about 30 percent to bring them more in accord with other Franklin County assessors Raising the emergency management director's stipend from $318 to $1,500 Keeping normal raises for the highway department workers rather than raising some of them by 5 percent Committee members expressed general support for spending $15,000 on senior center site planning, $50,000 for planning a Memorial Hall Theater renovation and the $2.3 million Mohawk Trail Regional School Department budget. Deb Andrew said there may be a way to not have the budget go about about 2.5 percent each year. **Senior center expansion:** Jackie gave an update on plans to build a new senior center. After a two year search, the expansion committee has narrowed its focus to the parking lot of the Arms Academy as a new site. There is neighborhood opposition, however.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.