Shelburne Finance Committee Minutes

Monday, August 29, 2022, 7:00 pm

Community Room – Shelburne Police Station

623 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne

1. Call to order: Call to order at 7:12 p.m. by Terri Mitchell. Those present include, Finance

Committee members Deb Andrew, Todd Dubreuil, and Terri Mitchell. Meeting was in person only.

2. Minutes: No new minutes to approve.

3. New Business: None

4. Old Business:

* New Member Update – Discussed the 2 open positions. No candidate thus far.
* Committee Structure & Responsibilities – Discussed the responsibilities of the Finance Committee. Decided to share Finance Committee responsibilities until vacant positions have been filled. Reviewed the Finance Committee page on the website.
* Recommendation to Select Board, re: Stabilization/Capital Expenditures and Planning – Discussed ways that the Town can employ to level out Capital Expenditures in the future. Will level out Capital spending eliminating the peaks and valleys year to year as well as stabilize the tax rate.
* Planning Ahead – Discussed setting up a meeting with the Select Board to review procedures for Capital Requests and Budget Overview.
* Ancient Glacier – Discussed the Lease status between the Town and Ancient Glacier. First draft written by Ancient Glacier was rejected by Town Council. Town Council revised the Lease Agreement and resent to Ancient Glacier. Not yet returned to the Select Board
* Community Preservation Act – Discussed putting together an informational sheet for residents/voters prior to November elections.
* Rural Schools Report – Deb briefly discussed the report and is in the process of analyzing the findings. Basis, declining population equal declining enrollment, and more money will improve education.
* Solar Panels at MTRHS – Discussed the prospect of the High School installing solar panels on the roof. School Committee/Budget Sub-Committee held a meeting on 7/25/2022 to introduce the idea to the District. Although there were many questions looks like the installation of the panels, looks like School Committee is going forward with the process. We will follow as it progresses.
* Costs of Book Culling – No news. Questions submitted to the Superintendent along with a request for informational remain unanswered.
* Heath Assessment Error, FY 2022/Shelburne Assessment FY2023 Verification – As far as we are aware, there has not been a resolution of the FY2022 Assessment Error to the Town of Heath. Committee made a note to verify Shelburne’s student count when available in October for accuracy.

5. Other Issues not anticipated 48 hours before the meeting: None

6. Public Comment: No public comment.

7. Next meeting date: September 26, 2022, 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Shelburne Police

Station.

8. Motion to Adjourn by Terri Mitchell, seconded by Todd Dubreuil , all in favor, adjourned 9:15 p.m.