Town of Hubbardston

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2014

- Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm at the Slade Building
- Members present: Ben Prentiss, Richard Haddad, Raeanne Siegel, Phil Churchill and Peter Jefts
- Non members Present: None
- Approval of meeting minutes from 06.03.2014 postponed until later in the meeting

- Review of Liaison list – updated listing will be sent to Elaine
- Discussion of Articles for Town Meeting in July:

Article 1 - to borrow up to $140,000 to purchase a 6 wheel dump truck with plow. Richard questioned why DPW is not looking at purchasing a used vehicle. Peter and Richard are not comfortable with approving this article without first hearing from Tim regarding why a new truck is needed. Raeanne suggested that Tim meet with the committee, at the DPW site, in order for all members to view the current condition of the fleet. Richard suggested that Tim also be prepared to discuss at this meeting his fleet management plan. Raeanne will coordinate with Anita to see if Tim would be available on July 8th for a tour and discussion.

Article 2 – to borrow up to $37,500 to purchase a replacement SUV cruiser. Phil stated that currently the plan is to replace a cruiser every year. This cruiser would replace the cruiser that was in an accident. The SUV being replaced will then be given over to the DPW to use.

Motion to recommend article 2: Ben Prentiss

2nd: Phil Churchill

In Favor: Raeanne Siegel, Ben Prentiss, Phil Churchill

Abstain: Peter Jefts, Richard Haddad

- Approval of meeting minutes from 06.03.2014

Motion: Ben Prentiss

2nd: Phil Churchill

All in Favor

- Old Business that was discussed to bring new members up to date included QRSD budget and PARCC being a potential issue in next year's budget; veteran's agent requested reserve fund transfers over the prior budget year; the aging fleet of the DPW.

- Reorganization of the board:

  Chairman – Raeanne Siegel
  Motion: Ben Prentiss
  2nd: Peter Jefts
  All in Favor

  Vice Chairman – Ben Prentiss
  Motion: Raeanne Siegel
  2nd: Richard Haddad
  All in Favor

  Clerk – Richard Haddad
  Motion: Raeanne Siegel
  2nd: Ben Prentiss
  All in Favor

- Scheduling of next meeting: July 8th, tentative to meet at DPW location for fleet tour, and then meeting to continue at Slade Building for other business.

Meeting adjourn at 7:25

Motion: Peter Jefts

2nd: Ben Prentiss

All in Favor

Respectfully Submitted

Raeanne Siegel

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Approved: 07.08.2014