

Financial Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2023 7:21 PM

--Attending: Committee members Steve Young, Gary Fullerton, Renee Fahey, Jeffrey Carpenter,
Judy Weymouth

Audience: Selectboard Members Michael Barden & Stanley Hackett, Chief Emil
Braley, PW Director Shawn Jordan, Rec Director Madison Moody,
Dennis & Laura Sullivan, Bonnie Laughlin

--11/02/2023 minutes approved

-- Betsy Weymouth provided handouts for the following 2024 Budget Presentation:

--Madison Moody, Parks & Rec, supplemental request for Fireworks & parade funding
in 2024 budget

--Shawn Jordan, PW, 2024 budget request

--Madison presented his additional requests for funding the 4th of July fireworks, & Parade. Cost of fireworks is shared by a generous donation each year from Sleeper's, but the overall expense is higher. Madison would like to increase the Town's portion of the cost. He also requested money for the 4th of July Parade.

--Public Works

--Shawn explained the projected spending for the PW budget for 2024. The price per ton of road salt has dropped, & is reflected in the Sand/Salt costs, & how it will affect his plans for road treatment. He needs to maintain a good inventory of repair parts for town vehicles, due to difficulty/unreliability in obtaining parts in a timely fashion.

Misc. Acct overdrawn 2023 due to replacing a truck body. He anticipates that this acct will be in line

for 2024.

Reviewed paving priorities & options for 2024.

Reiterated his efforts to purchase good used equipment vs. brand new, as "New Equipment".

Would like to replace Truck #14 (International), with 2 F550s. The F550s are easier to maintain, less costly to repair, smaller, & more versatile for plowing & sanding.

He has suggestions for health insurance coverage for crew (which may be limited by the Town's policy).

Feels there is a need for a "portable" crew building for sleeping quarters etc, freeing up space in PW garage work/storage area.

Replace the 2 "wheelers" with newer used trucks for warm-weather hauling.

--Transfer Station/Solid Waste Management

Shawn suggests Town buy 2 extra roll-off boxes to avoid waiting for full boxes to be removed.

He would like to have the area lighted, & a roof over the compacter to make snow removal easier, & provide a bit of shelter for users in wet/snowy weather.

Steve young asked if Solid Waste needs a Misc. Account.

--Stanley explained the scheduling of FAC mtgs before voting on budget items.

--Workshop mtg 11/30 after Selectboard mtg

--5-yr plan mtg 12/14 5:30 PM

Meeting adjourned 8:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Weymouth