

HAMILTON FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

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June 16, 2020

Members present: Roll call vote to order: Valerie McCormack, John Pruellage, Christina Schenk-Hargrove, and Nick Tensen (Acting Chair).

Others present: Anna Siedzik and Jamie Knudson

This Hamilton Finance and Advisory Committee (FinCom) meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm via Zoom.

Public Comment Period

Review of the joint BOS/FinCom meeting on Monday, June 8, 2020.

Members discussed the conversation between David Wanger and Bill Bowler regarding the presentation of the FinCom's minority position. Mr. Wanger would speak as a private citizen rather than representing the FinCom.

Review FinCom assignments for Annual Town Meeting.

Many warrant articles were part of the consent motion. It was decided that Christina Schenk-Hargrove would present article 2.2, John Pruellage would present article 2.3, if a motion was not moved to combine articles 2.2 and 2.3. Valerie McCormack would present article 2.4. Members discussed the process of the Town Moderator calling the article, recognizing the FinCom to make the motion, then recognizing the Selectmen or FinCom to discuss the article and give the recommendation. This year recommendation presentation would be prepared for review before Town Meeting and not presented as an effort to shorten the meeting. It was agreed that a motion to combine articles 2.2 and 2.3 would likely be moved. The FinCom was in favor of both articles 2.2 and 2.3 separately and would be in favor of the combined article. A script would be provided.

The debt exclusion of article 2.4 would be on the ballot after Town Meeting. The debt exclusion on capital items would not apply against the levy limit, according to John Pruellage. Anne Siedzik compared the debt to a mortgage, which would be borrowed and paid back in increments. Ms. Siedzik and Mr. Pruellage agreed it would be added to the budget as an annual expense. Christina Schenk-Hargrove said the payment would be part of the Operating Budget. Mr. Pruellage said the expenditures were reasonable and had been on the list for a while.

Christina Schenk-Hargrove updated members regarding the preparations for Town Meeting. The tent had flooring but no sides. Fans would not be used. Chairs would be 8' apart with a few coupled together. The parking lot would include handicapped spaces and walkways. Handouts

would be limited with one being left on the table. People who checked in residents would be seated inside the concession stand. Another handout, a bottle of water, and a snack would be placed on each chair. Bill Bowler and other officials would be on the riser in the front. The Selectmen and FinCom would be in the first two rows. There would be two podiums with microphones on the edges. The tent would hold about 175 residents and overflow would be allowed outside and on the bleachers nearby. After reviewing survey responses, 400 voting clickers were ordered. There would be two LCD screens, sanitizers and extra masks. HWcam would record the meeting. Police detail would be provided to secure the tent and equipment the night before. The \$30,000 cost for the tent had already been billed to the State for reimbursement.

Discuss FinCom's 2021 goals, agenda and projects.

John Pruellage agreed to be Chairman the next year if David Wanger did not return. Valerie McCormack would post meetings, agendas, and work on improving communication. Ms. McCormack would consider being liaison to the Schools if she did not need to homeschool her own children in the fall. Mr. Pruellage noted that success would be due to teamwork and efficiency. It was noted that Mathew Ryan had an interest in becoming a future member or associate member. Christina Schenk-Hargrove said she would be willing to Co-chair with Mr. Pruellage. Discussion would continue after July 1, 2020.

Other items not anticipated by the Chair.

Adjournment

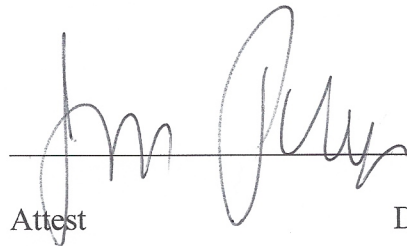
Motion made by John Pruellage to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

Valerie McCormack seconded.

Roll call vote: Valerie McCormack – aye, Christina Schenk-Hargrove – aye, John Pruellage – aye, and Nick Tensen – aye. Unanimous in favor.

Prepared by:

Marcie Ricker

Attest  Date 7/22/2020