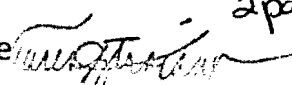


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Special Meeting

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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Present via Zoom were Chairman Francis Moriarty, and members David Walsh, Anthony Pellegrino, Sal Titus and Matthew McKenney. Also present were alternate members Conrado Ulloa, Steven Geryk and Richard Shuck.

Upon motion of Mr. Pellegrino and seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Board voted unanimously to seat Mr. Ulloa as a member, due to the vacancy which was created pursuant to the resignation from the Board of Finance of Gary Fisher. A quorum was established.

Also participating via Zoom were Chief Financial Officer Lisa Baxter and Director of Public Works Devin Cowperthwaite.

2. Upon motion of Mr. McKenney and seconded by Mr. Pellegrino, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 29, 2020 meeting.
3. Mr. Cowperthwaite discussed with the Board his plan for vehicle replacement and maintenance for the DPW fleet, as outlined in the agenda attachment. He reviewed the current lease/purchase strategy vs. an outright purchase, and the establishment of an annual budgetary line item to fund such proposal.

Additional discussion followed on paving costs, the condition of town roads, the road software program currently in place, prepaid fuel purchases, and possible areas to reduce the budget to afford the vehicle replacement.

The Board thanked Mr. Cowperthwaite for his presentation but noted that this may not be the year to consider implementation due to the Board's goal of a no mill rate increase.

4. The Board discussed future calendar dates to conclude the budget process. Chairman Moriarty stated that he will contact the First Selectman and Superintendent of Schools and request that the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education provide the Board of Finance with their adjusted no increase budgets.

Also noted were Board of Ed negotiations with the bus company, the deadlines for budget approval, the mailing out of the bills by the Tax Collector, FEMA expenditures and reimbursements.

Upon motion of Mr. Pellegrino and seconded by Mr. McKenney, the Board voted unanimously to request that the Board of Education and Board of Selectmen submit the FY 2020/21 budgets to the Board of Finance by May 15, 2020.

5. A motion to adjourn by Mr. Walsh, and seconded by Mr. Pellegrino, was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Erin Kirchhoffer
Recording Secretary

The video recording of the meeting is posted to the Town Website www.staffordct.org.