

Board of Finance
Special Meeting
October 5, 2020 6:30 PM
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Matthew McKenney
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1. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.
2. Present via Zoom were Chairman Francis Moriarty, and members Matthew McKenney, Steve Geryk, Sal Titus, and David Walsh. Upon motion of Mr. Walsh and seconded Mr. McKenney, alternate member Conrado Ulloa sat in place of absent member Tony Pellegrino. A quorum was established.

Also present were Selectmen Mary Mitta, John Locke, and Richard Hartenstein Jr., Chief Financial Officer Lisa Baxter, WPCA Chairman Scott Bonett, and acting WPCA Superintendent Jane LaMorte.

3. Upon motion of Mr. McKenney and seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Board unanimously approved the minutes for the August 26, 2020 meeting.
4. Chairman Moriarty explained to the Board that due to Covid-19 and the Governor's Orders, the transfers that were approved to go to Town Meeting on July 27, 2020 and August 26, 2020 will be approved by the Board of Finance without going to Town Meeting. Therefore, the motion approving the Transfers to Town Meeting will be rescinded and a new motion is to be voted upon.

Mr. Geryk motioned that due to Covid-19, there will be no Town Meeting to approve transfers, and following the motions from July 27, 2020 and August 26, 2020 to send to Town Meeting shall be rescinded.

From 7/27/2020:

Transfer From

Assigned Balances Revaluation to Assessor's Office Revaluation account 20-140-3575 \$42,857.74

Debt Services Interest 20-481-9521 to Fixed Charges Health Insurance 20-210-2030 \$30,473.04

Constable Revenue 20-06-060-604 to Police Constable Reimbursements 20-241-1500 \$88,032.07

LoCIP Grant Revenue 20-05-050-526 to Highways LoCIP Line 20-300-7120 \$44,119.25

From 8/26/2020:

General Highways salaries 20-300-1170 to Special Revenue Compensation 20-670-9971

\$65,000.00

The motion to rescind was seconded by Mr. McKenney and approved unanimously.

Following the above action to rescind, a new motion to approve the Transfers can be made.

Mr. Geryk motioned to approve the following transfers:

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Mr. Geryk's motion was seconded by Mr. Walsh, and approved unanimously.

5. Selectman Mitta began the Route 190 sewer line discussion, and the opportunity to extend the line through the new roundabout before the construction was completed. To extend the line would cost approximately \$158,000, per a quote from Spazzarini Construction. If the Town opts to not extend the line at this time and waited until after the roundabout project was completed, the cost to extend the line would be closer to \$350,000 and would need DOT approval. Selectmen Hartenstein shared the with Board that around seven years ago, All Phase was going to put in a development behind Bolles Motors and one of his requirements from the Planning and Zoning Commission was to extend the sewer line up to that area. When the roundabout project began, All Phase backed out and decided to not extend the sewer line or pursue the development. He shared a copy of the plans drawn the of sewer line extention through the roundabout.

Mr. McKenney asked who would pay for this project?

Mr. Moriarty asked the WPCA what they have for savings in their capital fund to pay for this project?

WPCA Chairman Bonnet said the WPCA does not receive additional revenue by from this short extention, and won't gain much in assessments. Rather, it's an investment and opportunity for the Town. The WPCA is looking for the Town to pay for this project. Mr. Bonnet stated that for the project to happen in Spring of 2021, the contractor would need approval by December 2020.

CFO Baxter asked Ms. LaMorte to price out the assessments for businesses and residential properties that could potentially hook up to the sewer line. Ms. Baxter is currently wrapping up year-end figures for the audit, and at the next Board of Finance meeting will have updates. She

will reach out to the Board of Education to see where they stand with potential savings in their budget.

Mr. Geryk suggested the Board wait until their next meeting to make decisions on this project, when they will have more information on potential year end savings for both the Town and WPCA.

6. A motion to adjourn by Mr. Geryk, and seconded by Mr. Titus, was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Erin Kirchhoffer
Recording Secretary

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