

Lenox Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 8, 2022

Members Present: Dave Carpenter (DC), Kristine Cass (KC), Mindi Morin (MM) David Neubert (DN), Blaise Gregory (BG)

Guests:

Absent:

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

KC kicked off the meeting reviewing the below minutes from previous meeting.

- February 24th meeting minutes approved by DC and KC 2nd, DN abstained
- March 3rd meeting minutes approved by DC and 2nd by BG all approved MM abstained
- March 17th minutes approved by MM and 2nd by DC approved and BG and DN abstained
- March 31st minutes approved by DC 2nd BG and approved MM and DN abstained
- April 12th minutes approved by MM 2nd BG and all approved

Discussion around new committee members. MM mentioned Kristen Moriarty was interested and KC will reach out.

DN mentioned that previously selectmen attended our meeting and we discussed additional joint meetings in the future with this group and us. KC will speak with Marybeth regarding this.

KC opened the conversation of where our priorities should be. DC expressed that one issue being the school building and this should be an area of focus. We should be in front of this issue to focus on the overall issues, including relative to safety. DC explained that we have applied for state funding. By us meeting ahead of time to discuss this with those involved, will be useful to ensure we get in front of understanding this potentially large project. KC mentioned the selectmen had been looking to hire someone to assist with the various Town capital expense projects, she will follow up.

Another focus should be the school budget. KC suggested we keep ourselves aware and potentially at the least a quarterly meeting with them. MM will reach out to the school's finance committee with the goal being we want to support their efforts.

MM mentioned the capital budget and how this impacts the taxpayers. DC agreed that this area needs to be reviewed. He also mentioned that previously the committee had discussed fraud risks with the town manager and we should update those discussions.

DN suggested fewer meetings that could be longer. DC suggested we have an outlined agenda with a set timeline.

Discussion to reelect KC to continue as our chair. DC motioned to reelect KC, DN 2nd and all in favor and KC abstained.

Discussion around our next meeting and KC suggested we start up again in the fall, schedule a meeting with town manager in September to see what the town meeting will look like and get started with our budget work.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm

Respectively Submitted,
Mindi Morin, Secretary