

Minutes of Meeting – April 22, 2020; meeting called to order at 3:00pm. Present: Dave Roche; Ed Lane; Marybeth Mitts; Warren Archey; Neal Maxymillian via remote access.

The TM presented the Board with his revised FY21 operating and capital budget, which shows a \$2.2 million decrease from the original submission. Due to decreases in revenues, he is recommending a hiring freeze, spending restrictions and furloughs of town employees. In addition, he is recommending not funding the OPEB contribution, and utilizing \$612,000 from Free Cash to fund some expenditures. He also suggested a 0% increase in the real estate taxes. He then proceeded to go through the various budget cuts he is recommending. Finance Committee member Michael Feder questioned if the school budget was being looked at as well. The TM stated that he has been meeting with school officials regarding their budget.

At the April 15 meeting, the Board briefly discussed the deferral of fees/interest on certain payments to the Town. The Board felt strongly that they would like to assist those having financial difficulties at this time. MOTION by NM, seconded by DR to waive fees and interest payments on real estate, personal property, water and sewer bills until June 30, 2020 for those encountering financial difficulties.

WA mentioned that the utility companies will be planting shrubs in front of the Community Center on April 29 in honor of Arbor Day. DR thanked the TM for thinking outside of the box, and coming up with a fiscal solution to the issues at hand. NM thanked everyone working so hard during this difficult time. MM mentioned that the DPW will be inserting paperwork into the May water/sewer bills regarding a hazardous mitigation listening session scheduled for May 7. She also mentioned the cultural district and the chamber of commerce were holding talks about how best to support the chamber members. EL stated that paving and sidewalk work that was already bid out is occurring.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

Minutes Taken By: _____ Minutes Accepted By: _____
Mary Ellen Deming Clerk
Director of Administrative Services Board of Selectmen