

Financial Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2023 7:21 PM

--Attending: Committee members Steve Young, Gary Fullerton, Renee Fahey, Jeffrey Carpenter,  
Judy Weymouth

Audience: Selectboard Members Michael Barden & Stanley Hackett, Chief Emil  
Braley, PW Director Shawn Jordan, Rec Director Madison Moody,  
Dennis & Laura Sullivan, Bonnie Laughlin

--11/02/2023 minutes approved

-- Betsy Weymouth provided handouts for the following 2024 Budget Presentation:

--Madison Moody, Parks & Rec, supplemental request for Fireworks & parade funding  
in 2024 budget

--Shawn Jordan, PW, 2024 budget request

--Madison presented his additional requests for funding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks, & Parade. Cost of fireworks is shared by a generous donation each year from Sleeper's, but the overall expense is higher. Madison would like to increase the Town's portion of the cost. He also requested money for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

--Public Works

--Shawn explained the projected spending for the PW budget for 2024. The price per ton of road salt has dropped, & is reflected in the Sand/Salt costs, & how it will affect his plans for road treatment. He needs to maintain a good inventory of repair parts for town vehicles, due to difficulty/unreliability in obtaining parts in a timely fashion.

Misc. Acct overdrawn 2023 due to replacing a truck body. He anticipates that this acct will be in line

for 2024.

Reviewed paving priorities & options for 2024.

Reiterated his efforts to purchase good used equipment vs. brand new, as "New Equipment".

Would like to replace Truck #14 (International), with 2 F550s. The F550s are easier to maintain, less costly to repair, smaller, & more versatile for plowing & sanding.

He has suggestions for health insurance coverage for crew (which may be limited by the Town's policy).

Feels there is a need for a "portable" crew building for sleeping quarters etc, freeing up space in PW garage work/storage area.

Replace the 2 "wheelers" with newer used trucks for warm-weather hauling.

--Transfer Station/Solid Waste Management

Shawn suggests Town buy 2 extra roll-off boxes to avoid waiting for full boxes to be removed.

He would like to have the area lighted, & a roof over the compacter to make snow removal easier, & provide a bit of shelter for users in wet/snowy weather.

Steve young asked if Solid Waste needs a Misc. Account.

--Stanley explained the scheduling of FAC mtgs before voting on budget items.

--Workshop mtg 11/30 after Selectboard mtg

--5-yr plan mtg 12/14 5:30 PM

Meeting adjourned 8:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Weymouth