

**Finance/Budget Committee Minutes**  
**April 27, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting (Zoom) 6:30 PM**

**Members Present:** Bill MacDonald, Robin McNeil, Corinna Caron, Ryan Parker, Mark Guzzi, Leland Youngberg, Veronica Nicholson

**Members Absent:** Charles Cossar

**Others Present:** Mike Hammer, Joe Chadbourne, Kenneth Kealiher, Liz Mares, Lori Merrow, Ellen Surprenant, Angela Brown, Laura Donahue, Jane Stork, Suzanne Nowinski, Maxine Pare, Josh Grant

I. **Public Comment** - None

II. **Budget Review** - Budget reductions were presented to the Committee. The reductions consisted of moving a Title position to grant funding; reductions in maintenance cost spread out over repairs, electricity, snow removal and lawn care; removing a pole vault pit from next year's budget which will be purchased with current year funds; and removing an added position from the high school (new science teacher added but a retiring english position eliminated). Special Education reduced out of district placement expense and wage increases for those staff not under a collective bargaining agreement. All of these reductions totaled \$266,000. These reductions brought the increase in the local share of the budget to 2% which was the Committee's target. Discussion took place surrounding state funding to towns and schools in the next fiscal year and the impact on the budget process. Prior to our next scheduled meeting, current year spending will be reviewed to determine if any items budgeted in 2021 can be purchased in the current fiscal year.

The School Resource Officer position was also discussed. The SRO Committee will meet on May 6th to provide guidance on this newly created position in the budget. The Budget Committee will meet next on May 12th to discuss the SRO position and discuss any changes in budget targets.

The Committee authorized the distribution to the towns of the projected assessments based on the current 2021 budget to give the towns guidance on their budgeting.

- III. **Other** - Request was made to extend our relationship with our current auditors RKO for one year. The Committee agreed to this extension.

Signing of warrants was discussed and Ryan and Robin agreed to schedule times to sign warrants at the central office.

IV. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Chadbourne, Business Manager