

Advisory Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes: March 2, 2021

The Meeting was conducted via Zoom and opened at 6 p.m.

AFC Members present: Richard Cavanaugh, Mark Bishop, and Sandy Page

The Committee reviewed information created by Mark Bishop that will be provided to the Petersham Voters to help explain the Yearly Budgeting Process.

The Committee felt the information should be included on the Town of Petersham's website. The Committee discussed additional ways the information could get out to the voters. No decision was made on additional ways to disseminate the information.

The Committee was made aware of information given to the Chair by the Chair of the Selectboard Nancy Allen pertaining to Police Officer Compensation. Chief Dana Cooley had presented a Part-Time Police Officer Wage Analysis that included the following:

- Area Towns' Police Departments Patrolmen Rates
- Part Time Officer's Coverage Hours and Costs
- Scenarios of recommendations for PPD Part-Time Officers Wage Increases

The Board approved the minutes for the following meetings:

- July 14, 2020
- August 11, 2020
- February 23, 2021 (joint meeting with Selectboard)

Questions were asked if we had any new AFC members in the pipeline. The Town Moderator is working to appoint new members: we are down to positions.

The next scheduled meeting is on 3/9/2021 at 6 p.m. and will be a joint meeting with the Selectboard.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Page