Advisory Financial Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2020

AFC Members Present: Ross France, Don Clarkson, Mark

Bishop, Rich Cavanaugh and Sandra Page

A joint meeting with the Petersham Selectboard and AFC opened at 6:00PM.

The Selectboard was aware of two small requests, painting of the Fire Department Building and upgrading the Center School playground.

The Transfer Station budget sheet #65 was not issued and the Selectboard is to distribute.

FY 2021 budget reviews were discussed as noted for the following accounts:

1) Board of Health - a member was not present and an explanation of the “repairs” line item was requested.

2) Highway Department - Greg Wade presented the budget request sheets and provided explanations for items which changed from last year.

3) Town Accountant - Jean Joel presented the budget request and provided explanations for items which have increased. Ms. Joel requested input on the depreciation duration, the AFC and Selectboard are to provide guidance. The FY20 health insurance expenditures through Feb 8 are 73% of the total budgeted, Nancy Allen stated the total is not expected to exceed the budget and she will confirm this.

4) Police Department - Dana Cooley presented the budget request and provided explanations for items which have changed from last year.

5) Emergency Management - the budget request was for level funding, a representative was not present.

The AFC relocated to the Town Office Building at 7:45PM.

The AFC meeting minutes from January 28, 2020 was approved as is and AFC minutes from February 18, 2020 was approved with revisions.

Roy Nilson made a request that the AFC “recommend” the citizens petition for partial funding of the Friday Market Music.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Don Clarkson