



YARMOUTH FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES MAY 27, 2020

A meeting of Finance Committee held by conference call during the COVID-19 pandemic. The role was called by the chairman at 6:00pm.

Present: Ken Mudie Chairman, Jessica Norwood, Robert Ciavarra, Brian Gardiner, Sara Kohls, George Perkins, Nathan Ladley

Absent: Jack Moylan

Administration: D.Knapik town administrator, Richard Bienvenue assistant administrator

R. Bienvenue read the provisions of remote meeting law issued by Governor Baker to the committee prior to the beginning of the meeting. At 6:00 pm the chairman opened the meeting with role call: R. Ciavarra aye, J. Norwood aye, N. Ladley aye, B. Gardiner aye, G. Perkins aye, Sara Kohls aye, K. Mudie aye.

1. **Minutes:** The minutes for April 29th were reviewed and accepted. There was a role call to accepted minutes with vote 7-0. There was a role call to accept minutes as amended. R. Ciavarra aye, J. Norwood aye, N. Ladley aye, B. Gardiner aye, G. Perkins aye, Sara Kohls aye, K. Mudie aye.
2. **Articles –Update:** The town administrator gave an update from Tuesday night's BOS's meeting. The CPA articles will reappears as a draft at the next BOS meeting. Also there will be on the agenda Assessor 5 year contract and 3 citizens petition. He noted that there is a 20-40% receipts cut. He is awaiting more phase one guidance about town meeting from the governor's Monday morning press conference. The Selectmen could adopt a regulation to pass finance budget. The finance committee chairman added that the committee will need time to review the changes being reviewed on the most recent articles, therefore they will not vote in this meeting.
3. **Budget:** R. Bienvenue introduced a slide presentation to summarize Budget Reductions for all departments, which has been revised by him and the finance director. He identified changes made from the previous budget presentation and noted that the updated budget books will be sent to all committee members as well being placed on the Website. The roadway funding and Capital expenditures will be cut out and will be revisited in fall meeting. He has been having a one to one meeting with all departments to

review budgetary changes, explaining cuts and discussing the impact on the each departments. Both he and the finance director are recommending using caution at this time noting concern over reduction in property taxes receipts, even though it was extended to June.

4. **Adjourned:** A motion to adjourn was made by N. Ladle and seconded by Robert Ciavarra.

Respectfully submitted by

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