



Town of Shelburne, Vermont

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

4:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

The remote meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M. Roll call was taken.

Present: Chair Don Porter, Tom Denenberg, Roz Graham, Ken Albert; also, Town Manager Lee Krohn.

By consensus as a 'consent agenda', the meeting agenda and minutes of January 21, 2021 were approved unanimously.

There was no public comment.

Informational strategies leading up to the March bond vote on the Fire/Rescue matter were reviewed and discussed, along with Rescue's current needs irrespective of the outcome of the bond vote. Current property tax revenues were discussed; next meeting may include discussion of non-tax revenues.

Discussion then ensued as to an overall vision for economic development – what that might look like, how external factors might affect, how to capitalize on existing strengths and current trends in outdoor recreation and a hopeful resurgence in tourism. How to position ourselves to take advantage of what may come, what infrastructure may be necessary or helpful; how can we unshackle and unleash existing energy and creativity? We are already on the Lake Champlain Byway. Enhanced wayfinding may help, along with attitudinal shifts toward pro-active help and guidance in promoting appropriate development, rather than just regulating and advising on process requirements. The committee can certainly help in supporting the overall economic development initiative, as well as supporting regulatory process changes currently proposed.

Committee members were each asked to return with concrete suggestions for tangible actions that could be taken in each of their sub-group areas.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:057 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Krohn.