



Town of Shelburne, Vermont

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 4, 2023

3:30 P.M.

Present: Don Porter, Lee Suskin, Jeff Carr, Mary Kehoe, Joan Lenos; Peter Frankenburg, Lee Krohn, Luce Hillman

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. The consent agenda was approved by consensus. There was no public comment on items not on the agenda. New members Mary Kehoe and Joan Lenos were welcomed aboard; each were very pleased to help with their experience and expertise.

LOT update: Suskin and Krohn reported on their respective testimony before legislative committees. The bill has passed out of the House; Senate Gov Ops voted unanimously today to approve it and move it on to the next committee. Rep. Brumsted continues to work in the Statehouse to help move this along toward hopeful final approvals. Brief discussion followed regarding Town finances: with the third property tax installment in hand, delinquencies are significantly less than in the past. Krohn noted that we had recently received full payment from the largest delinquency, and that we have made great progress in recent years in this regard. Further discussion ensued regarding greater encouragement for property owners to sign up for automatic payments.

Town Manager transition: Krohn was thanked for his service over these past five years. This is his last week; the new Town Manager is slated to begin on June 5. In that light, next FC meeting date TBD.

ARPA update: the ARPA committee offered its report and list of recommendations to the Selectboard. Several items were approved for funding at the recent Selectboard meeting; further work is yet to be done to refine the list and make final decisions. It was recommended to keep this process moving forward timely for decisionmaking and funding/project implementation.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding process, timeline, and workplan needs to update and create a new capital improvement plan and budget for the Town. That discussion will continue at subsequent meetings.

Next meeting: TBD. Workplan going forward will continue intense focus on the CIP.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Krohn.