



# *Town of Shelburne, Vermont*

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

3:30 P.M.

Present: Don Porter, Jeff Carr, Roz Graham, Lee Suskin, Ken Albert; Peter Frankenburg, Lee Krohn, Luce Hillman, Mark Sammut

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. Luce Hillman was welcomed as the Selectboard liaison. The consent agenda was approved unanimously upon a motion by Suskin, which was seconded by Carr, with the addition of discussion of the committee report for the Town Report drafted by Porter. The report was thought “well done”. There was no public comment on items not on the agenda.

The upcoming Selectboard hearing on 12/6 regarding LOT was noted. There may be further additions to the current draft list of capital items/expenses, some of which could possibly be funded in part or whole via ARPA and/or via LOT revenues if approved eventually; examples being but not limited to bike/ped infrastructure, broadband, Bay Road bridge, Fire and other costly vehicles/apparatus, and Town facility maintenance/upgrades. It’s always a challenge to balance priorities for capital needs; some are ‘renewals’ – replacement schedules for vehicles; -- some are new needs. Updated Charter amendment language prepared by Town counsel was acknowledged. A draft hearing strategy was reviewed; the FC brochure and FAQ will be included in the Selectboard packets, and printed copies will be available at the hearing. Questions were raised about the LOT web page; inquiry will be made.

FC outreach will continue to be offered to community and business groups as may be desired; a draft letter and list as prepared by Graham were reviewed and modified.

ARPA committee update: meetings are underway; still in early stage of seeking community input; some municipal requests have already been made for items thought of immediate need. Questions were raised about how the FC can help analyze complex projects and budgets, utility rate impacts, and the like.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 5, 2023, 3:30 P.M.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Krohn.