

FinCom 2023 Sept 07

Location: First Floor Meeting Room, Ayer Town Hall

Members Present:

Chair: Kurt Fraczkowski

~~Vice Chair: Sebastian Cordoba~~

Clerk: Andrew Sealey

Member: Jin Hong

Extra:

Finance Manager: Barbara Tierney

~~Town manager: Robert Pontbriand~~

~~Asst. Town Manager: Carly Antenellis~~

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The chairman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Chairman: We would like to go over the budget for next year. However, we have not yet started the process in the town, and given that, we would like to cover the lasting items from the last town meeting.

The playground is one main item, so the idea is to have the DPW director write a report or attend one of the meetings scheduled to cover the playground update, budget, etc.

I will reach out to get that started.

The West Main Street bridge was another item that was approved at the town meeting, and we will invite the DPW director and finance for the issuing of the funding.

The third item is the firetruck, which is the last of the big items to be approved at the town meeting.

Finance Manager: Anytime you want an update, I'm happy to update anytime you need information. I'm happy to help. All items are currently funded.

Chairman: I'll reach out to the people needed

The next item is not in the budget but covers the observation about Pirone Park Senior Center. My understanding is that it is proposed to place a senior center in Pirone Park, and an investigation has started to explore that as a viable option.

Jin: When will we schedule our next meetings?

Chairman: Let's move to that, seeing no more items

Thursday's appear to be more open outside of concomm.

Finance Manager: There is a meeting at the end of September to start the budget process. December is the process starting in earnest.

Chairman:

The idea is to do the first and third Thursdays of each month as we need them.

Andrew: Getting our fifth person and getting a schedule done should be aligned.

Chairman:

I would like to propose an overall plan, being the first and third Thursdays at 6 would be what I propose. We can do the meeting if people can attend or not. We will already skip September, which leaves Thursday, October 5th at 6 p.m.

I prefer to have in-person meetings (everyone else agrees)

As part of the meeting schedule, I want to touch on our assignments as a group and make sure we have the committees correct.

Andrew is rate review, Kurt is Capital planning, Jin will be stormwater, and Sebastian is Executive bi-board.

Motion: to have Jin be our representative for the Stormwater by Andrew

2nd by Kurt

unanimous approval

I want to bring up the mass. Municipal association. I went out and looked at it, and you apparently have to join, and I explored getting us a membership. Asst. Town manager will reach out to get us access to the materials on how to run the committee.

I want to get my hands on the budget sheet for the current spending from the accountant. I want a balance sheet from the last finalized audit income vs. liabilities.

Open for public comment 6:37 pm.

Pauline Conley: I want to have committee reports discussed at the fincomm meetings and updates.

The regional school committee should be invited to give a presentation on how the budget is formed since the town is just an observer of the process and has no say.

The park committee is the one who is updating the Pirone Park project.

I would like the people speaking to speak more into the microphone to be heard more clearly.

Chairman: Thank you, Pauline. I especially appreciate the comment on committee reports.

Motion: To adjourn by Andrew

2nd by Kurt

unanimous approval

6:45 PM

Adjourned.