



Town of Middlefield

Finance Committee

08/17/22 Meeting

In Attendance:

Joseph Kearns, Chair

Stephen Harris, Secretary

David DiNicola

Gita Jozsef

Adair Laurel-Cafarella (absent)

Also Attending:

Ann Marie Visconti

Curt Robie

Quorum, call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

Discussed shared town administrator:

David questioned the expense for a Town Administrator when the SB has made no attempt to even hire an administrative assistant to replace Duane.

Thomas Matuszko, Executive Director of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission discussed sharing a town administrator with the town of Washington:

- Total salary of \$80K
- One-year grant of \$50
 - \$40K toward salary
 - \$10K to BRPC
 - \$20K from each town
- In subsequent years each town would pay \$40

Planning Commission would help the towns to secure the administrator.

Thomas agreed that the town needed to explain the value add of the part-time administrator in securing grants, etc.

Criticism of the town website:

Curt was angry that Steve hadn't required prospective contractors to identify themselves when downloading the RFP for the Sr. Center crawlspace project, which he insisted was required by law. Steve explained that it would be difficult to implement and unnecessary since state RFPs, for example, were public documents that can be freely downloaded without such identification. When Curt persisted, Steve offered to remove the RFP from the website so that prospective contractors would have to obtain it directly from the Selectboard. Curt rejected that suggestion.

Adjournment:

Joint meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen B. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.