



Town of Middlefield Finance Committee

05/07/24 Meeting

In attendance:

Adair Laurel-Cafarella Gita Jozsef
Stephen Harris, Secretary Jonathan Freiermuth

Also attending:

Ken Murray Tamarin Laurel-Paine

Quorum, call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm.

Review results of annual town meeting:

It was noted that ATM went smoothly and Finance Committee recommendations were well received.

Election of officers:

Adair Laurel-Cafarella was elected Chair; Stephen Harris was elected Secretary.

Any other business:

Questions were raised as to why librarian was not allowed to transfer information from the old computer to the new one.

Adair will request John and Sean to come in person to a finance committee meeting to discuss cybersecurity objectives, progress in achieving them, and IT grants and expenditures.

Jonathan will inquire as to what expenditures can be rolled over.

Jonathan will investigate Chapter 90 funding, expenditures, and grant opportunities.

Discussed future disposition and maintenance of the Senior Center as well as the church, should it be acquired by the town.

Discussed problems related to transitioning from Springbrook to the VADAR Systems municipal accounting software.

Discussed continuing loss of income due to maintenance of town funds in accounts yielding little or no interest.

Discussed a number of accounting discrepancies.

Voted to review bid language for town hall flooring.

Voted to draw up a town petition re Middlefield's unfunded contribution to climate remediation.

Agreed that current procedure for processing invoices is deficient in that they are often not signed and dated by the submitting department.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be on May 21st at 5 pm.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 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'.