

Town of Middlefield Finance Committee

10/15/24 Meeting

In attendance:

Adair Laurel-Cafarella Gita Jozsef Ken Murray
Karri Trask Stephen Harris, Secretary

Also attending:

Tamarin Laurel-Paine Donald Trask
Maureen Longobardi Al Longobardi

Quorum, call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

Review minutes from previous meeting:

Minutes from previous meeting on 10/01/24 were approved as written.

Accounting Issues & VADAR transition:

The Town Administrator again promised to provide the FC with the other competitive bids at the time of decision to buy the VADAR program.

The Town Administrator will have the Washington town accountant provide FY25 condition of accounts; Bev to provide FY24 condition of accounts. Ann Marie to provide transfer station reports.

The FC is still seeking information on why we are paying for 4 VADAR logins but have received only two.

Selectboard does not have an account of town assets.

Town administrator has promised copies of all reports that VADAR can produce.

The road superintendent received \$20K to repair storm damage.

Town does not have a culvert inventory.

Any other business:

Adair was asked re Finance Committee's FY 2024 annual report. Steve will review August draft for possible updates.

Minor updates were made to the 5-year capital plan and to the timetable of financial tasks.

The Town Administrator has to date not procured any town grants. He has applied for a \$100K community compact grant for transfer station redesign and paper compactor, which has yet to be approved.

The finance committee has yet to receive requested copy of transfer station wetland delineation and survey.

Requested copy of the dirt road survey has yet to be received.

Clark Road PVPC grant appears to be in limbo.

The FC voted to maintain its biweekly Tuesday meeting schedule, rather than switch to Wednesdays as per Selectboard request.

There has been no update on the status of the senior center grant request.

Discussed how the MA Affordable Homes Act signed into law by Governor Healey – designed to counter rising housing costs caused by high demand and limited supply – will override the town's zoning by-laws by permitting Accessory Dwelling Units of up to 900 square feet to be built by-right in single-family zoning districts in all communities.

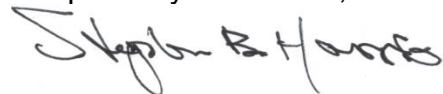
Next meeting:

The next meeting will be at the Town Hall on October 29th at 5 pm.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen B. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.