



# Town of Middlefield

## Finance Committee

02/27/23 Meeting

### **In Attendance:**

Joseph Kearns, Chair

Stephen Harris, Secretary

Gita Jozsef

Adair Laurel-Cafarella

### **Also Attending:**

Doreen Black

### **Quorum, call to order:**

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

### **Met with Town Clerk re population, household income, and Sr. Center expenses:**

Met with Town Clerk Susanne Lemieux to review the state's population and median household income statistics for the town, which appear wildly inaccurate, jeopardizing our ability to secure state grants and other financial support. For example, state population numbers are way less than those which Suzanne had compiled from the town's list of residents. Steve suggested that we may have to eventually ask our state representatives to intervene on the town's behalf to resolve these discrepancies.

Adair raised questions re accounting for various Senior Center expenses.

### **Reviewed custodial budget requests:**

Agreed that the ATM warrant should have separate entries for town hall and Senior Center custodial expenses. Voted to raise the combined allocation from \$5,300 to \$6,900, including an additional hour per week for Senior Center custodial work.

### **Reviewed Conservation Committee budget request:**

Agreed to Conservation Committee budget request.

### **Review minutes from previous meeting:**

Minutes from previous meeting 2/14/23 were approved as written.

### **Reviewed draft March 25 STM warrant:**

The Committee reviewed, voted on, and entered its actions on the thirteen articles in the Selectboard's draft warrant for their March 25 Special Town Meeting (attached).

### **Next meeting:**

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday 3/6 at 5 pm.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 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'.