



TOWN OF FREETOWN
Finance Committee
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Minutes of

MEETING: 5:30 PM Thursday April 15, 2021

Remote meeting via Zoom. Video recording is posted on the Town of Freetown YouTube channel.

Call to order 5:34 PM

Present – Gary Martin - chair, Katie Calheta, Margaret French, Emily-Anne Dors, Kent Wilkins, Christine Shea-Dupras.

Absent – Bob Alderson

Gary welcomes the newly elected members.

Motion by Christine, seconded by Kent, to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2021 meeting. Approved. Yes: Emily-Anne, Katie, Kent, Gary, Christine. Abstain: Margaret.

Discussion of the possibility of doing a joint mailing with the Board of Selectmen to promote attendance at the Town Meeting. We decided to wait to see what the Selectmen want to do.

Discussion of who would attend the joint meeting on the budget with the BOS and what the process would be.

Discussion of departmental budget requests, identifying those about which we had questions. We looked at many departments in some detail, trying to understand what was driving any requested increases. Only a few led to unresolved questions. We wanted to get more information about the Police, Public Buildings and Property, Highway, Snow and Ice, Transfer Station, Health Insurance, and Town Clerk software requests.

Motion by Christine, seconded by Margaret, to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Approved unanimously. Yes: Gary, Katie, Margaret, Emily-Anne, Kent, Christine.

Minutes prepared by Gary Martin