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J. Brown

Freetown Finance Committee

January 19, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

Members Present: George, Kent, Bob, Paul, Michelle (Mikki)

George called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM

In regards to the town budgets, the FinCom would like to work with the BOS in the process of getting budgets approved vs having it given with the figures already in place.

Bob stated that he would like to have the budgets printed out for the FinCom at the time at the meeting as there have been last minute changes that the FinCom does not get on their copies.

School budget always requests as much as they can get, FinCom would like to meet with Lakeville Chair or Committee so that both towns know what is being brought to the table. They would like to have information on Lakeville's budget. The budgets requests have to be in by Feb 1.

Regarding budgets, FinCom would like to ask questions of the School Department, Police & Fire Departments, and the DPW. They would also like to be included in the negotiations. Kent has reached out to Lakeville for mutual meeting on the school budget but has had no response. What funding are they looking for?

George suggested the Clerk get copies of the ATM for 2005, 2010, 2015 and create a spreadsheet that shows the increase in the budget over the span of these years – dollars, teachers, administration, staff, students, etc.

Set up a meeting with the BOS sometime in March.

Kent and Mikki will attend the Jan 23 BOS meeting which will cover the Freetown/Lakeville school budget.

It was suggested that the Clerk purchase a tape recorder for the FinCom and report binders for the Committee members. Paul made a motion to purchase a digital tape recorder, seconded by Kent – unanimous.

Bob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul – unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 8:42

Respectfully submitted

Lois Amaral

Finance Committee, Clerk