Finance Committee Meeting

October 3, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm. Present included Chairman Kristian Whitsett (arriving at 7:30) and members Jackie Walsh, John Redeker and Deborah Andrew.

**New Business**

**Possible new Finance Committee members**

The committee brainstormed the names of people to ask to join the committee, in order to replace Shelley Roberts, who left as she has a new job.  Deb Andrew went through the voting list and came with many recommendations. People we may ask include Jeff Johansmeyer, Susan Stark, Jeff Boetner, Davis Bates, Jaqui Goodman, Jim Boemer, Aleg Boegel, Schyler Boegel, Philip Bragdon, Brian Glod, John Herron, Jim Kessler, Lyn Jaros, David Kearney, Kate Downes, Dan Lieberman, Barbara Perry, Eileen Rauch, Jackie Salem, Beth Simmons, Julie Upton Wang, Holly Waldman and Leo Ojala.  Kristian will talk to Sylvia Smith about the procedure.

**District School Budget**

The FY 2021 budget is just beginning to be pulled together.  The new business director is giving monthly reports to the School Committee about spending, something that is new for the district.  We decided to meet with other Finance Committees. Kristian said he will create a Doodle to determine a date to meet.

**Old Business**

**Senior Center Expansion Committee**

Deb attended the Sept. 11 meeting of the committee with town officials from Ashfield, Buckland and Shelburne.  She found the meeting was more of a presentation to the board’s than a give and take, so the town officials didn’t voice much about how they are feeling about the committee’s path.

Bob Manners spoke indicating that Sylvia Smith was aware of his concerns and disapproved of places to expand and indicated his preference to use existing structures such as the High School.

The Finance Committee agreed to have its next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m.

The committee adjourned at 9 p.m.