­  Shelburne Finance Committee

Wednesday September 30, 2024, 5:30 pm

Shelburne Fire Station

18 Little Mohawk Road

Meeting Called to order: Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Todd Dubreuil, Chairman. Those present include Terri Mitchell, Jim Burnham, Jay Readinger. Absent: Matt Popoli.

**Appointments:**

**5:40 – Jeff Beottner – Streetlight Committee**:

Jeff gave a report on the Streetlight Buy-Out and Installation. Eversource dropped the cost of purchasing the existing fixtures by $2,500 and the Town was awarded the Green Communities Grant for $48,000 plus approximately $25,000 to cover the cost of insulated window shades for Cowell Gym. That covers all but $ 11,060 of the cost of the equipment and installation costs. In addition, the Town will get back approximately $5,744 from Mass Save once the lights are operational. The estimated cost of $75,000 for the project will end up costing the Town approximately $16,250 when it is all said and done. Jeff estimates that it will pay for itself in less than 3 years. The timeline to start the project will be approximately 7 to 8 weeks. We will need to budget $2,500 for maintenance of the streetlight in the FY 2026. The committee thanked Jeff and John Walsh for their hard work making this project happen. Jeff also shared with the Committee that although more in depth studies of the heating and cooling systems need to be conducted, the Energy Committee are hoping to work on a Green Communities Grant for 2025 to help purchase a new heating/cooling system, mini-splits, to go along with all the renovation work for the upstirs of the Town Hall. Andrew Baker has been working on all the costs and expects the complete renovation to come in over $1,000,000. He will keep the Committee in the loop on their progress.

**6:00 pm – Roland Giguere – Town Moderator:**

The Committee invited Roland Giguere, Town Moderator, to join us at our meeting to clarify what exactly the role and responsibilities of the Finance Committee are. Several members wanted clarification and felt since the Moderator had appointed the Committee that he would be the one to offer clarification. Beyond hearing budget requests form the Towns many Boards and Committees, reviewing the Town Warrant before Annual Town Meeting, and approving End of Year Transfers, what is our role? Roland provided the Committee with several publications for review of the Finance Committee’s roles.

1. **Old Business:**

* Review 8/05/24 Draft Meeting Minutes for approval or revision. Motion made to accept the minutes as written and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **New Business:** None

3. **Other Issues not anticipated 48 hours before the meeting**: None

4. **Next Meeting:** None scheduled.

5. **Adjournment**: Motion to Adjourn by Jay Readinger, seconded by Jum Burnham. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Mitchell,

Finance Committee