­  Shelburne Finance Committee

Monday, April 07, 2025, 5:30 pm

Shelburne Fire Station

18 Little Mohawk Road

**Meeting Called to order** at 5:45 pm by Todd Dubreuil. Those present include Terri Mitchell and Jim Burnham. Absent: Matt Popoli and Jay Readinger.

**Appointments:** None

**1.Old Business:**

* Review 3/10/24 and 3/24/25 Draft Meeting Minutes for approval or revision. Motion made to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.
* Reviewed budget requests made by Town Boards and Committees for the FY’26 Omnibus Budget. It was noted that the Committee is concerned with spending requested. The current level is not sustainable going forward. All budgets submitted were reviewed and discussed. Budgets discussed further were: Arms Library, Emergency Management Capital Request, MTRSD, and the Highway Department and their capital requests.

Arms Library – There was discussion on the amounts requested of the towns of Buckland and Shelburne amounting to $70,087. Motion was made and seconded to support the Arms Library in the amount of 50% of the total requested of the 2 towns, $35,044, a reduction of $ 6,469 to Shelburne’s Appropriation. All in favor, motion passed unanimously. The Committee will present this to the Selectboard.

Emergency Management – The capital request of $5,000 for Engineering for the Emergency Generator was discussed. The Committee was unsure if a location had been decided upon for the placement of the generator. Will check with the Selectboard.

Highway Department – Discussed the capital requests of the Highway Department. The Committee wondered why Chapter 90 Funds were not being utilized more for materials and aggregates, in the maintenance town roads. Will discuss this further with the Selectboard. Also reviewed the capital requests by the department. May need to prioritize the requests if not all are feasible in FY’26. Will be asking for an inventory of town owned vehicles and equipment to get a better sense of the aging of the fleet and to better plan purchases going forward.

MTRSD - Again the overall FY’26 budget came in over a million dollars higher than FY’25. Will need to discuss this further with the Selectboard at the next meeting.

2. **New Business:**

* Reviewed a transfer: Motion made to transfer the sum of $1,041.00 from the Reserve Fund Account # 001-132-5400 and transfer said sum to the Interest Expense Account to provide for extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures related to an interest payment resulting from short tern borrowing for the Old Greenfield Road Project, a Mass Works funded project. Motion made to transfer the funds as presented. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

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

4. **Next Meeting:** Monday, April 14, 2025, @ 5:30 pm at the Fire Station.

5. **Adjournment**: Motion to adjourn by Jim Burnham, seconded by Terri Mitchell. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Mitchell,

Finance Committee