



TOWN OF
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Finance Committee

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Minutes
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Called to order at 1900 hours

No public input

Adjustment to Agenda

None

Minutes

Brian made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dana, passed unanimously

Action Items from Previous meetings

Discussion and action on proposal to reduce town operating budget

Dec 16 Selectboard meeting had a discussion of a pay increase (Municipal Association pay increase across comparable towns was 2.75%)

Dana proposes Finance Committee recommends a 2.5% pay increase for non-union employees versus the 3.0% pay increase as voted by the Selectboard (3-2) which would save \$6850.

Brian is not in favor due to low amount of \$6850 in the overall town budget.

Current town increase is 3.7%, if the town budget is reduced by the \$6850 and an additional \$10,000 from the snow and ice budget it will reduce the increase to 3.4%

Dana stated when voters approved the Capital Reserve Fund, that is where voters intended large purchases to come from.

Dana expressed concern that many town departments had spent a low portion of their annual budget by November.

Brian explained that some department hold off on large purchases throughout the year in case an emergency occurs, and departments need to pay for those.

Dana made a motion to recommend the Finance Committee recommend a 2.5% pay increase

Vote is 1 for, 1 against, 1 abstention. Dana voted in favor, Brian voted against and Graham abstained.

Motion fails

Discussion of Town Meeting presentation

Brian covered the presentation.

Dana made a motion that the Finance Committee recommends lowering the money value in Warrant 4 for employee pay to \$30,000 to a total amount of \$46,812. Brian seconded.

Vote was 2 for, 1 against. Dana and Graham voted in favor, Brian voted against.

Motion passes

Reports from other committees

None

Brian made a motion to adjourn, Dana seconded, passed unanimously.

