Finance Committee Meeting Minutes March 12, 2019

Present:  Doug MacLeay, Lynn DiTullio, Rachel Glick, Lori Shearer, Thom Griffin

Kevin Fox, Town Coordinator

Scott Sullivan, Hwy Dept. Supervisor

Paula Harrison, Treasurer/Collector

Mike Friedlander and Nancy Turkle, Library Trustees

Meeting called to order 6:35pm.

Minutes from the following past meetings were approved:

January 22nd: Doug, Rachel and Lynn approved. Lori was not present at that meeting and Thom not yet an official member

February 5th: Lynn, Thom and Lori approved. Doug was not present at that meeting.

February 19th: Approved unanimously

The committee considered and voted on a salary-related request from the Highway department.

The committee considered requested salary increases for the Police and for the Head Librarian.

In addition the committee discussed across-the-board COLA increases recommended by the Personnel Committee.

Kevin will construct a budget taking into account the above preliminary decisions and a 2.5% COLA increase; this budget and the resulting tax rate will be discussed at the next meeting.

Kevin noted that the FY19 tax rate has just been set: $20.57 per thousand dollars of valuation.

The Finance Committee learned more about employment contracts that are held or proposed by some Town employees - these contracts are under the purview of the Selectboard.

The committee voted to join the Association of Town Finance Committees and Thom will look into training opportunities with that group and others (DOR, MMA, etc.).

Kevin mentioned a few items of interest: The Town is looking into joining the Regional Health Cooperative Program (to have a health agent) and will be adding a line item to the warrant for that. The Town is also looking into a Dog Officer that would be shared by several towns.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next meeting 3/26.