**Sturbridge Finance Committee**

**Meeting Minutes: July 12, 2022**

**Julian Room, Town Hall**

**Call to Order**

Finance Committee (FC) Chair Kevin Smith called the FC meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee members present: In person: Leigh Darrin (LD), Michael Hager (MH), Larry Morrison (LM), Kathy Neal (KN), Ken Talentino (KT), and James Waddick (JW); Virtual: Kevin Smith (KS).

Absent: Bruce Boyson (BB) and Joseph Freitas (JF).

Guests: Finance Director Barbara Barry (BBa).

**Reserve Fund Transfers**

MH calculated that approximately $74,500 is in the Reserve Fund.

*— LM moved to authorize the transfer of $691.24 from the Reserve Fund to the Finance Director Salaries/Wages Account #11451-51130; KN seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.*

BBa explained the money is to pay off a retiring employee’s accrued vacation time.

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*— LM moved to authorize the transfer of $1,900 from the the Reserve Fund to the Inspectors Salaries/Wages Account #12451-51130; KN seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.*

BBa explained that the number of required electrical and plumbing inspections was higher than expected.

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*— LM moved to authorize the transfer of $14,817.40 from the the Reserve Fund to the Electricity Account #19152-57928; LD seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.*

BBa explained this request is related to confusion and conflicting information from the solar company regarding the town’s solar credits. BBa and other officials have been meeting with solar-company representatives to resolve the issue and hopes to have everything clarified before the next budget process begins.

**Meeting Minutes**

— *KN moved to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2022 meeting as amended; MH seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1. KT abstained.*

*— KN moved to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting as amended; JW seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1. KT abstained.*

FC members clarified style and format points for motions in meeting minutes, along with other corrections. MH noted the minutes from April 7, 14, and 21 had not yet been submitted.

**Old Business**

No old business.

**New Business**

— KS reported that in accordance with the Housing Trust Article passed at Town Meeting, the Housing Trust Board of Trustees will include a member of the FC. Any FC member interested in that position should let KS know within the week.

— Board Reorganization:

— KS noted that the board is in the second year of its two-year liaison schedule, and asked if any members wanted anything changed. Nobody did.

— *LM moved the nomination of KS as chairman; KN seconded. LM moved to close nominations and called the question; KN seconded. The motion to close nominations was approved 7-0-0. The motion to appoint KS as chairman was approved 7-0-0.*

*— LM moved the nomination of JW as vice chair; KN seconded. LM moved to close nominations and called the question; KN seconded. The motion to close nominations was approved 7-0-0. The motion to appoint JW as vice-chairman was approved 7-0-0.*

*— LM moved the nomination of MH as clerk; KN seconded. LM moved to close nominations and called the question; KN seconded. The motion to close nominations was approved 7-0-0. The motion to appoint MH as clerk was approved 7-0-0.*

**Public Access**

No public access.

**Adjournment**

KN moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.; MH seconded. Motion approved 7-0-0.