

**Town of New Hartford
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting – April 13, 2021 @ 7 pm via ZOOM
Motions Only**

Present: Chairman Regina Wexler, Members: Dan Charest, Kerry Guilfoyle, Paul LeClair, Ben Witte, Alternates: Ryan Bingham, Lou Helt and Recording Secretary Penny Miller

Also Present: First Selectman Dan Jerram, Selectmen: Alesia Kennerson and Laura Garay, New Hartford Supt. of Schools Brian Murphy, BOE Chairman Tim Goff, Sue Lundin and Kelly Longhi

Chairman Wexler opened the meeting at 7:01 pm

Seating of Alternates: Ryan Bingham was seated for Steve Tuxbury.
Bart Baxter is also out.

Approval of Minutes:

March 23 Special Meeting – there being no changes to these minutes they were adopted by consent.

April 6 Special Meeting – there being no changes to these minutes they were adopted by consent.

Communications to the Board

2021-2022 New Hartford Budget, including municipal, local Board of Education and NWR 7 Board of Education

MOTION: by Mr. Bingham that we authorize the BOF Chair to send a letter to the Regional School Board offering our sincere concern about the trend line of per pupil expenditures and the potential impact on our budget now and in the future. Second by Ms. Guilfoyle.

Unanimous

MOTION: by Mr. Bingham to approve the local Board of Education Operating Budget request of \$8,869,070 and the Capital Budget request of \$163,000 and the ability to use the Pass-Through Grants of \$181,731. Second by Ms. Guilfoyle

Unanimous

Motion: by Mr. Bingham to reallocate the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 line of \$25,000 for the Wash Bay to Rails to Trails. To approve the Capital Budget of \$416,000 in total which includes a \$5,000 in the Rails to Trails line. Second by Ms. Guilfoyle.

Unanimous

Motion: by Mr. Witte that a change be made to the Pass-Through Grants/Reap Revenue from \$37,000 to \$181,731 and also change the Pass-Through Grants/Reap Expenditures for the same amount

of \$181,731. In addition, change the projected revenue from Surplus to \$850,000 and change the Probate Supplies Expenditure line item to \$6411.35. Change the collection rate from 96.5% to 97%. Lastly, change the Cares Act revenue line item to read Cares Act (nka ARP funding) for the same amount of \$13,344. Second by Ms. Guilfoyle.

Unanimous

MOTION: by Ms. Guilfoyle to approve the total town budget including Education, Debt Service, Capital Expenditures and Pass-Through Grants of \$26,039,128.67. Second by Mr. Witte

Unanimous

MOTION: by Mr. Witte to authorize the chairman to complete the CGS form 7-344 for the 2021/2022 budget year and send it to the state. Second by Mr. Bingham.

Unanimous

Chairman Wexler adjourned the meeting closed at 8:34 pm

Respectfully submitted, Penny Miller, Recording Secretary