

Present (Virtually): Chairman Regina Wexler, Members: Dan Charest, Kerry Guilfoyle, Steve Tuxbury, Ben Witte; Alternates: Lou Helt, Bart Baxter, Paul LeClair and Recording Secretary Penny Miller

Others Present (Virtually): First Selectman Dan Jerram, Selectmen Alesia Kennerson, David Rosengren, Tax Collector Karen Wieduwilt

Chairman Wexler opened the meeting at 7:02 pm

Seating of Alternates Lou Helt was seated for Reggie Smith, Jr.

Adoption and / or Revision of Agenda None

Discuss and take action if any, on Suspense List as presented by Karen Wieduwilt, Tax Collector

The Suspense List was submitted as part of the Agenda and included as an attachment filed with these minutes. Mr. Baxter asked if any of those on the list live in town. Ms. Wieduwilt said that some do but they don't respond and they just ignore the bills. Ms. Wexler said you are certifying to us that these are uncollectable taxes and should be suspended to the suspense tax book. Ms. Wieduwilt said that they should. She continued by saying these are sent to the collection agency, TaxServ, and they start collection processes. Sometime they are successful and other times they are not. Mr. Charest asked how long do they stay on the suspense list. They stay on the list for 15 years. The collection rate is 18% / year.

Motion: by Helt to transfer uncollected taxes totaling \$10,450.47 to the suspense tax book. Second by Guilfoyle.

Unanimous

Approval of Minutes: June 2, 2020 Public Hearing

Motion: by Guilfoyle to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2020 Public Hearing. Second by Helt.

Unanimous

Approval of Minutes: June 2, 2020 Virtual Special Meeting

Motion: by Witte to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2020 Virtual Special Meeting. Second by Charest

Unanimous

Communications and Other Items presented to the Board

Ms. Wexler said that she hasn't received anything nor has anything been sent to the Town email.

Opportunity for Public Comment None

Reports

Bookkeeper: Revenue & Expenditures Fiscal YTD and previous fiscal YTD

First Selectman's Report

First Selectman Jerram reported that notification has been received that the MUNI Grant for \$139,000 was being released. Mr. Jerram reported the he did file today and has started the application process with FEMA for COVID related expenses. While the town doesn't have a lot of related expenses, Superintendent Murphy had said that he has does. The town crews are now doing some work on Stub Hollow Rd. Mr. Jerram continued by saying it was nice to have the budget done.

Ms. Wexler asked about payments to the library. Mr. Jerram said that some funds have been released. Ms. Wexler asked about if there was a deal with the state for PPE to hand out. Mr. Jerram replied that this has been done. Any business that needed this equipment would file with the CBIA. Once CBIA approved the requested items were picked up at the Goshen Fair Grounds. So far items have been disbursed to 40-50 businesses. The largest request was masks for Marandino's. The larger requests will be seen for the schools. Region #7 has said their expenses have been around \$100,000.

Currently access to the Town Hall is by appointment. It is possible that the doors will be unlocked somewhere between June 17th and 21st.

Other Business: Mr. Charest asked about how the mechanics work on the new account set up for the school. Mr. Jerram said that according to Chris King this is not a separate bank account. It is tracked internally. Whether you choose to fund it or not is solely up to the BOF. It doesn't require a town meeting to expend it.

Adjournment:

Motion: by Helt to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Second by Tuxbury.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Miller

Recording Secretary

Handouts filed with the agenda at the Town Clerk's Office

Suspense List

Certification from Tax Collector to Board of Finance re: Suspense List

Minutes – June 2, 2020 Public Hearing

Minutes – June 2, 2020 Virtual Special Hearing

May 2020 Revenue Report

May 2020 Expenditure Report

May 2020 5-year Comparison Report