



Town of Middlefield Finance Committee

Open meeting October 6, 2021

In Attendance:

Joseph Kearns, Chair

Stephen Harris, Secretary

Adair Laurel-Cafarella

David DiNicola (joint meeting only)

Gita Jozsef

Quorum, call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm.

Joint meeting with Selectboard:

SB asked if there is a point person for the FC, yes, Joe Kearns the FC Chair.

Gita provided handouts of information on the role of the FC provided by the Department of Revenue, and the town's budget history.

Discussed 5-year capital plan that Kurt had originally set up and continuously updates.

Discussed purchasing property on Skyline Trail to relocate the Police Department and build a garage.

Dave said we're always in the hole, so it's difficult to plan with limited resources.

Discussed monies available in the Stabilization Fund.

Joe said that we grab money when it's available, such as the funds for the town solar array.

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SB will be more proactive with town and in seeking grants.

(Retired from SB meeting and resumed FC meeting at 8:10)

Review minutes from previous meeting:

Minutes of the 9/14 meeting were accepted as read.

Any other business:

Discussed holding annual meetings with the Tax Collector, Accountant, and Treasurer.

Discussed Adair's request of reports from the Accountant.

Gita will ask the Accountant to provide FC with new statement of accounts every time a warrant is signed.

Discussed working with SB to determine what financial data should be publicly posted.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen B. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.