

**NORFOLK BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2022 MEETING**

Members present were: M. Sconyers, G. Allyn, S. Anderson, G. Mudge, N. Ritson and J. Tarrant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by M. Sconyers.

Chairman Sconyers indicated as S. Anderson was elected as a regular member of the BOF, there is a vacancy that will have to be filled by a Republican candidate. There is a meeting next Thursday of the Republican Town Committee and he expects to have a candidate from the Republican Committee for the February 2022 BOF meeting.

The December 14, 2021 minutes were approved on Motion of J. Tarrant, second by G. Allyn, and unanimously approved.

Selectman's Report: Spending is where it is supposed to be. Most items are at 50%. Some that were at 100% at the end of December include items that are paid at the beginning of the year and are done. A multitude of issues have cropped up in the Public Works department with two (2) trucks in particular. It was necessary to replace the transmission on one truck. The First Selectman looked into purchasing a used transmission, but ended up with a new transmission. That truck is still not back in service and therefore roads may not be cleared as quickly as a result. The Town should be up to a full contingent of drivers and trucks shortly.

The First Selectman is sending out letters to all departments to remind each to stay within their wage line and all other lines in their budget. Today the Town received \$29,036.96 in LoCip money from the State. M. Riiska had applied for LoCip money for security cameras at the garage and received full reimbursement. There are new exterior lights at the Town Hall totaling \$29,632.79, for which the Town also received full reimbursement through LoCip.

The First Selectman reported on the status of the advisory group for the American Rescue Plan. Norfolk received \$241,199.72 this year and will receive the same next year. The Advisory group would like the funds to be utilized for the repair of the slide at Botelle School. There is general consensus that is a tourist item and gets people out after being limited due to Covid. The last bid received is for \$42,000; the First Selectman anticipates the slide repair will cost \$45,000. The Advisory group would also like to purchase a generator for the Sewer District as there is not one to keep all of the pumps going. The generator is estimated at \$75,000. The Advisory group asked the First Selectman to bring these two (2) particular requests to the BOF to approve or allow them to move forward. As for the remainder of the funds for this year, the group has asked M. Riiska to put together an application sheet for businesses that were affected by Covid the past 2 years. M. Riiska has inquired of other towns about how they are handling the process (they are doing so informally). M. Riiska prefers to have a formal process in place to prove the Town is going by the American Rescue Plan guidelines. The First Selectman will put something in Norfolk Now asking for applications and will ask the 2 daycares in town as to the impact they have experienced as a result of Covid as well as local businesses and the 3 B&Bs in town.

There is nothing in the guidelines stating the funds must be fully spent this year.

The Treasurer sent a new, easier to read report. She has all of the detail. The Treasurer reports this month the Town is right where it should be.

There was nothing under 2/3 vote. M. Sconyers does not think the Board should try to set the budget review meetings until the February meeting.

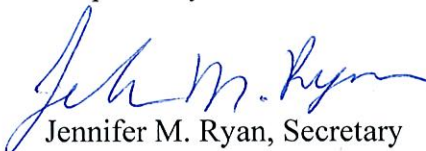
Under Correspondence, the tax collector's request for reimbursements was unanimously approved.

There was no Public Comment.

The First Selectman expects the bids for the Mountain Road Bridge, the one lined up 2 years ago, on January 21st. He will have a very good idea by the next BOF meeting what the two (2) bridges will cost.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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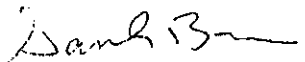
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The following is a list of refunds.

The below refunds are overpayments on motor vehicle taxes, which were paid:

2020-03-0050073	ARCHASKI Steven	refund- \$30.30
2020-03-0050395	CIVCO Stanley	refund- \$198.16

Respectfully,


Sarah Bruso, CCMC
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