

Norwich Finance Committee Meeting minutes
Tuesday, December 29, 2020
7:00, meeting conducted by Zoom

Committee Members present: Emmanuel Tesone, Chair; Pam Smith, Vice-Chair; Cheryl Lindberg, Treasurer; Linda Cook; Omer Trajman **Regrets:** Libby Chamberlain, Secretary

Public present: Doug Wilberding

- 1. Call to Order:** A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.
- 2. Review & Approve Agenda:** Lindberg moved to approve the agenda as presented (2nd Cook). Unanimous.
- 3. Public Comments:** Doug Wilberding said he had 3 areas of concern: 1) he asked if the NFC has a plan to do any forecasting of the electricity costs of the Town as new green initiatives are proposed and/or initiated; 2) he asked if the NFC had discussed the possibility of recommending adding solar to the speed signs in Town, which could be a project under the Climate Fund; and 3) he asked if the NFC was entertaining the idea of requesting a deep dive audit of the Net Metering Agreement to look at the Town's electricity costs under the agreement. Trajman said the topic of the Town's electricity usage/cost should be a future agenda item for the NFC.
- 4. Review & Approve Previous Meeting Minutes:** Lindberg stated that she was concerned by the statement: "the Committee discussed creating a single designated fund, to be approved by voters" in the December 8, 2020 minutes. She felt that it should be stated that there was not unanimous support for this concept. Motion by Smith to approve the minutes with the amendment suggested by Lindberg (2nd Cook). Unanimous.
- 5. Town Budget: draft FC memo to the Selectboard - discussion and approval:** The Committee reviewed V.2 of the recommendations letter drafted by the Chair. An updated letter was developed in real time based upon the input of the NFC members. Motion by Lindberg (2nd Cook) to have the Chair present the recommendations of the NFC to the Selectboard for inclusion in their packet for the January 6, 2021 budget session. Unanimous. (NOTE: Trajman left the meeting at 8:40pm prior to this vote due to a previous commitment.)
- 6. Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm.
- 7. Adjourn:** Motion by Smith to adjourn at 8:52pm (2nd Lindberg). Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Smith, Vice-Chair