

DRAFT: Minutes, Meeting of Norwich Finance Committee

September 8, 2020 Time: 7:00 pm -- Zoom

Present: Libby Chamberlin (Secretary), Linda Cook, Cheryl Lindberg (Treasurer), Pam Smith (Vice-Chair), Emmanuel Tesone (Chair), Omer Trajman (joined after roll call)

Public Present: Peter Orner

Agenda

1. Call to order and roll call: A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm. Chamberlin calls the roll, all members present except for Trajman (Trajman joins meeting 7:10 pm)

2. Review and approve meeting agenda: Lindberg moved to approve the agenda. Smith second. Agenda approved unanimously.

3. Public comments

Peter Orner offers comments in favor of Beaver Meadow sidewalk.

- Point of order Lindberg: public comments are typically reserved for items not on the agenda.

An exception is made for Peter's comments, provided 3 minute cap (member of the public, Alberto Rodriguez joins the meeting and also spoke in favor of Beaver Meadow sidewalk)

4. Review and approve draft minutes from previous meeting (August 11, 2020)

Lindberg: a few comments on minutes. Lindberg moves to approve at the next meeting provided minutes are redrafted. The Committee will approve two sets of minutes at the next meeting (9/8 and 8/11)

5. Discussion of FC charge proposed update / Norwich School Board / Dresden Finance Committee

The Committee discussed a proposed update from the Norwich School Board, that the Committee work with the School Board to review the school budget. If approved by the Selectboard this will be a one year pilot, subject to NFC agreement with extension of the charge. The Committee will continue to discuss and come to consensus based on specifics about the scope of work, as they become known.

6. Working group updates:

Smith provided an update on her work regarding town fund accounting. The Committee came to the conclusion that it should issue a set of recommendations to the Selectboard, offer financial analysis including cash flow and impact. There were no substantial updates from the town budget working group.

7. The Committee discussed Beaver Meadow sidewalk with emphasis on collecting adequate information about the project before being able to make recommendations.

8. Tabled until 9/29/220: Discussion of possible FC public communications

9. Tabled until 9/29/2020: Discussion of FC 2020-2021 calendar / key dates

10. The Committee set the next meeting date for 9/29/2020 at 7pm

11. Lindberg moved to adjourn, Cook second. The motion to adjourn was passed unanimously .
The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Libby Chamberlin, Secretary