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Present: Adria Fischer, Eric McKenzie, Kieran Meehan, Bob Nelson, Leo Tometich
Also attending: Town Administrator, Town Accountant, Fire Chief Rich

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Previous AB Meeting Minutes Review

Motion to approve Jan. 14, 2019; Feb. 4, 2019; Feb. 6, 2019; and Feb. 11, 2019 meeting minutes - Adria, - 2nd Bob. Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Discussion about the "Fund Our Future" Campaign

The "Fund Our Future" campaign is a Massachusetts Teachers Association initiative to pass state legislation to increase public education funding for public schools and colleges. Our support of this initiative may help provide more state funding for the GDRSD.

Motion to support the "Fund Our Future" campaign - Bob, - 2nd Kieran. Vote: Unanimous to approve.

FY20 Budget

Discussion and ideas to balance the FY20 budget and considerations for future years.

1. Massachusetts DLS local receipts amounts are readily available to the public, so some discussion about the differences between the local receipts reported by DLS and Dunstable.
2. What is the significance of the school district using E&D or the FY20 contingency line item to reduce the FY20 town assessment?
 - 2.1. Both are just a one-year reduction in the town assessment, so we need to be planning for additional school district funding in future years.
3. Use of CPC funds to restore the Union building and track will have some impact on the school district capital expenses and the Dunstable free-cash balance.
4. Fire department on-call wage increase and fire department budget line items discussion with Chief Rich.
5. Some discussion about ways to increase the highway department paving budget.

Miscellaneous Topics

6. A brief look at a draft ATM warrant.
7. Request to transfer \$600 from the reserve fund for Town Clerk temporary help.
 - 7.1. It turns out that this is becoming a recurring expense, so it has been included in the FY20 operating budget.

Motion to approve this transfer - Adria, - 2nd Kieran. Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. - Kieran, - 2nd Adria. Vote: Unanimous
Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.