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April 2, 2019

Present: Adria Fischer, Bob Nelson, Harold Simmons, Leo Tometich Also attending: Police Chief Dow, Alan Chaney

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

# Previous AB Meeting Minutes Review

Motion to approve Feb. 25, 2019; March 11, 2019; and March 25, 2019 meeting minutes - Adria, - 2<sup>nd</sup> Harold. Vote: Unanimous to approve

## Police Chief Dow - No specific new topics, just general update and discussion

- 1. Expecting an arbitration decision in the next couple of weeks.
- 2. Generally pleased that Dunstable is not trying to implement additional FY20 budget cuts.

### FY20 Budget

- 1. How much should Dunstable allocate to the unemployment line item?
  - 1.1. The two claims in FY19 were higher than historical averages, and required the transfer of additional funds into the unemployment account.
  - 1.2. Currently, Brian has \$9,000 of free-cash plus \$1,000 per year in the FY20 budget to build up the unemployment fund.
  - 1.3. Bob may prefer to transfer \$30,000 of free-cash into the unemployment fund.
- 2. Some discussion about the three existing stabilization funds and approximate current balance.
  - 2.1. Town of Dunstable stabilization fund. Balance: ~\$267,000
  - 2.2. Water Department stabilization fund. Balance: ~57,000
  - 2.3. Highway Department stabilization fund. Balance:
  - 2.4. A two-thirds town meeting vote is required to spend from these stabilization funds.
- 3. As far as we know the Board of Health has made a successful transition to curbside trash pickup. It might be good to get an update for FY20.

# Miscellaneous Topics

1. Alan Chaney provided a cemetery interment cost and process update.

# At approximately 6:30 PM the AB joined the Select Board meeting primarily to discuss the water system upgrade project and funding options

1. Please reference the Select Board minutes for details of this discussion.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20~p.m. - Bob, -  $2^{nd}$  Adria. Vote: Unanimous to adjourn Meeting adjourned at 8:20~p.m.