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**March 11, 2020**

Present: Marie Gamache, Kieran Meehan, Bob Nelson, Harold Simmons, Leo Tometich; Town Administrator Brian Palaia, Police Chief Dow, Public Joan Simmons

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Town Administrator Update and Discussion**

1. Proposed FY21 budget adjustments with new information since our last meeting.
  - 1.1. Swallow Union capital adjusted.
  - 1.2. GLTHS assessment was lower than expected, so the GLTHS excess was put toward the GDRSD assessment.
  - 1.3. State Aid increased by approximately \$4,000. \$2,000 was used to fund TADS and \$2,000 was put into the FinCom reserve account.
  - 1.4. Health insurance premiums are still under negotiation, but may only increase about 3.1% instead of the historical average of near 10%.
2. Police union CBA talks are progressing.
3. The Dunstable Trinity Ambulance service contract is up for renewal.
  - 3.1. The nearest Trinity Ambulance facility is in Chelmsford. A closer ambulance facility should reduce response time.
  - 3.2. Brian is reviewing options.
4. Public Hearing to review the ATM warrant planned for April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
5. Next meeting scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
6. Plan to use the AB town report and meeting minutes to demonstrate need and advocate for passage of a proposition 2½ override.
7. Possibly create a proposition 2½ override support document outlining:
  - 7.1. When was the last override?
  - 7.2. Proposed override amount.
  - 7.3. A pie chart showing where we expect the money from this new override would be spent. FY21, FY22 ...
  - 7.4. What is the cost to me? What is the tax rate now, and what will it be with the override?
  - 7.5. Monthly and annual cost increase for a typical home.

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes.

Motion made - Harold, - 2<sup>nd</sup> Marie. Vote: Unanimous to approve

Motion to adjourn - Harold, - 2<sup>nd</sup> Kieran. Vote: Unanimous to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.