

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019**

- 1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:03 PM**
- 2. FINANCE COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: JAY BIKOFSKY, JIM BALFANZ, MARY BOYCE, DIANE REUSS AND NEIL HOLDEN**
- 3. TOWN ADMINISTRATION ATTENDEES: DON CHABON AND DANIELLE FILLIO**
- 4. THE JOINT SELECT BOARD-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2019 WERE APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, 4 WITH 1, NEIL HOLDEN, ABSENT FOR THAT MEETING, ABSTAINING.**
- 5. IN PREPARATION FOR THE "BABY TOWN" MEETING, CHAIRMAN BIKOFSKY REVIEWED THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE INCREASES TO THE PROPOSED ARTICLE 4, ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET. THIS PRESENTATION, DISCUSSED IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS, INCLUDED THE PROPOSED 1.75% COST OF LIVING INCREASES FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT INCREASES IN SELECTMEN EXPENSES AND GLENDALE SOLAR MAINTENANCE WHICH AFFORDED ENERGY BILL DECREASES. NEIL HOLDEN ASKED FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS RELATED TO THESE DECREASES.**

PUBLIC SAFETY PROPOSED INCREASES IN POLICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES AS WELL AS BUILDING INSPECTOR SALARIES AND AMBULANCE SERVICES WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES PROPOSED INCREASE IN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SALARIES AS WELL AS AN INCREASE IN THE SNOW AND ICE BUDGET WERE REVIEWED.

HUMAN SERVICES, PROPOSED INCREASES IN TRI-TOWN HEALTH WERE DISCUSSED.

CULTURE AND RECREATION WITH THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN PARKS AND RECREATION SALARIES WAS DISCUSSED.

DEBT SERVICE REVIEWED THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN STATE HOUSE NOTE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST FUNDING FOR THE NEW FIRE TRUCK.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR THE INCREASES IN THE BERKSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT FUND AND A NEW UNDESIGNATED COMPENSATION LINE ITEM WERE MENTIONED.

