

**Town of Colebrook
Board of Finance**

Minutes to Meeting of March 18, 2020

Members Present

J. Millar
R. Carfiro
T. Corvo
D. Johnstone
K. Kennedy
M. Neal

Absent

None

Others Present

None

The in-person meeting scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. was cancelled at 1:09 p.m. that afternoon because of coronavirus concerns. Teleconference arrangements were not readily available, so the scheduled agenda was conducted by email. That said, J. Millar went to the Town Hall shortly before 6:00 p.m. to see if any members of the public would show up to attend the meeting. None did.

The seven questions comprising the agenda were emailed to each Board member. The questions and Board member replies are tallied below.

1. Do you approve the Board of Selectmen's budget of \$2,129,209 for presentation at the budget hearing on April 9? Replies: 5 yes; 1 no. T. Corvo thinks there may be ways to reduce the proposed 6.9% increase and avoid using reserves to balance the overall budget.
2. Do you approve the Board of Education's budget of \$2,038,015 for presentation at the budget hearing on April 9? Replies: 6 yes.
3. Do you approve the Capital Improvement Plan of \$452,200 for presentation at the budget hearing on April 9? Replies: 5 yes; 1 no. D. Johnstone would like the CIP to be higher to provide more for projects such as the town garage.
4. Do you recommend a flat mill rate of 30.90 in 2020-21? Replies: 5 yes; 1 abstain. D. Johnstone abstained because she would favor a higher mill rate to increase the CIP.
5. Do you recommend a supplemental appropriation of up to \$100,000 as needed for the Board of Selectmen in 2019-20 for legal expenses? Replies: 5 yes; 1 no by T. Corvo.
6. Do you recommend a supplemental appropriation of up to \$50,000 as needed for the Board of Education in 2019-20 for special education expenses? Replies: 6 yes.
7. Do you accept the minutes of March 4, 2020? Replies: 6 yes.

Respectfully submitted,

James Millar
Chairman