

**Budget & Finance Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – 6:00**  
**Rochester Town Office Conference Room**

**Subject: To review projects being worked on this summer**

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Pat Harvey, Barb Dehart, Nancy Woolley, Robert Meagher, Rob Gardner  
Absent: Tom Schnabel, Greg White, Vic Ribaud, Jim Bowen, Lois Bond

**Social Service Appropriation Policy:** Nancy presented a policy which has been developed by VLCT, for use by Vermont towns. The proposed policy for Rochester is not significantly different from the policy which has been in effect for several years.

Two changes to be considered: (1) Moving the 47-day deadline for receipt of a voter-backed petition to a 60-day deadline so as to allow more time to prepare the Town Warning in accordance with statutory requirements. 17 V.S.A. § 2642. (2) To not accept a petition that is combined with a multi-agency service group request for appropriations.

All statutory requirements will be included in this policy.

The Town Treasurer is reviewing this proposed policy, and will consider disbursing voter-approved appropriations on September 15 of each year, taking into consideration when town funds will be most available. The policy would be effective for FY20.

The Selectboard will take up the adoption of this policy at their July 8 Selectboard meeting.

**Audit Reports and Compliance with Auditor Recommendations:** Barb reviewed the work that she, Rob Gardner and Greg had accomplished regarding accounting practices and grant work. They will be working with Town staff on complying with auditor findings and additional training. Their hope to move quickly on implementation is being affected by staff having to work on Highway issues from the April 15 storm.

**Water/Sewer:** Barb and Vic are working on this project which will be put on hold while Vic is on temporary leave from B&F while he works on a Hazard Mitigation Policy for the Town.

**Windsor County Sheriff's Department Contract:** Doon reported on further discussion with both the Windsor and Addison County Sheriff's to provide policing and traffic control to Rochester. Addison County removed themselves from consideration. The Selectboard has warned a special meeting for 5:30 on Monday, June 24, before their regular Selectboard meeting, to meet with Sheriff Mike Chamberlain and discuss a possible contract with Windsor County to be effective July 1, 2019. The FY20 Constable budget was reviewed (\$25,503) and we could consider two shifts of four hours each per week. Receipts from traffic fines are not considered at this time. Windsor County bills at \$60 per hour and 60¢ per mile.

The speed signs and trailer must be returned to the state, but could be used by another policing entity. Doon will discuss with Mike Chamberlain.

Rob Gardner would like to look at the budgeting process to include monies to promote and support businesses and organizations, such as concerts on the park. The purpose would be to attract more people to Rochester and recognize what the town has to offer. Suggestion made that Rob might like to look into the *Envision Rochester's Future* committee which has held two meetings recently in conjunction with the Planning Board and updating the Town Plan.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 24 – Town Office Conference Room**  
**NNW**