

**Town of Colebrook  
Board of Finance**

**Minutes to Meeting of March 17, 2021**

**Members Present**

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

**Absent**

R. Carfiro

**Others Present**

R. Gilbert

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman J. Millar.

1. Several questions about the 2021-22 budget proposed by the Board of Education – in particular, the line items pertaining to Superintendent’s compensation and Medicare supplement – were explained by Mr. Gilbert.
2. Several Board members expressed concern about the salary adjustments proposed for the Town Clerk and Administrative Assistant in the Selectmen’s 2021-22 budget. It was agreed that that T. McKeon would be invited to address these concerns at next week’s meeting on March 24.
3. Questions about the 2021-22 Capital Improvement Plan focused principally on major projects beyond the current year. It was agreed that additional information about future projects might be incorporated into the ordinance governing the Capital Committee, which is currently being revised. J. Millar will follow up.
4. The Board will defer acting upon the 2021-22 proposed expense budgets until March 24. However, there was general agreement to maintain the current mill rate of 30.90 for another year and to close all or part of the projected shortfall of \$47,135 by increasing the collection rate assumed for current year taxes from 98.0% to 98.5% and by tapping into reserves.
5. D. Johnstone moved to approve the minutes of March 10, 2021. Second, T. Corvo. Passed unanimously.
6. M. Neal moved to adjourn, second T. Corvo. Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha F. Neal,  
Secretary