Minutes of the Financial Meeting
February 4, 2020

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Steve Long, Rick Cawley.
Others Attending: Kerry Claffey, treasurer; Suzanne Hansen, financial assistant; Karen Galayda, assistant treasurer.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. The board agreed to change the order of the agenda to hear Karen Galayda first. As listers’ chair, she presented the annual Certificate of No Pending Appeals form. She assured the board there were no pending appeals, and the board signed the form.

The board reviewed the contract with Unifirst to provide uniforms for the road crew. After some discussion, the board agreed to sign the five-year contract.

The board discussed the Emerald Ash Borer grant received from the state to conduct an inventory of ash trees. No invoice has been sent yet, and Long presented Galayda with the information to invoice the State for the first installment. The grant needs to be closed out by March 30, 2020.

The board confirmed that it will hold its March financial meeting on Wednesday, March 4.

Orders for Payment
The Board reviewed outstanding bills and signed orders for payment. The Board reviewed payments made in previous month.

General Journal
The board reviewed the treasurer’s journal entries that closed out the books on last fiscal year. He will present entries from more months at the next meeting.

Budget
The board discussed the audit and the report that detailed the surplus in the various funds. The board will recommend at town meeting that the town use more of the general fund surplus than in the proposed budget to keep the tax rate stable.

Other Business
Cawley brought up the VLCT guidance on the tree warden statute, and the board agreed to discuss it at the next meeting.

Executive Session
The board agreed to enter executive session at 5:45 to discuss a personnel matter. It came out of executive session at 6:00, having taken no action.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00.