

MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

BY TELECONFERENCE

MAY 4, 2021

Present by Remote: Chris Morin (Chair), Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Brant Hornberger, Andy Lizotte, Joyce Lavigne, David Levine, Mike Nicholson, Carly Kearnan.

Members not present by Remote: Aldo Cecchi, Bob DeVita, Jerry Hiatt, Chuck Miklosovich, John Tennaro and Vincent Valastro.

Also present by Remote: Zachary Taylor, Finance Director; Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst; Richard Villani, Town Administrator; Mike Walsh, Selectman; Tom O'Loughlin, Selectman; Paul Mazzachelli, Selectman; David Consigli and Barbara Auger.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Discussion by David Consigli and Barbara Auger regarding the Milford Geriatric: David Consigli reported that the Co-Vid has put them into this problem. The facility can hold 109 patients and 49 long-term patients.

Barbara Auger reported that the information provided last week needed to be cleared. They have looked at the last audit done in 1999 and they feel it is important to include the last three years information. The revenue looks low for the first quarter of 2021. Salaries are somewhat fixed. They have to follow state guide lines. They could not bring in new patients because of co-vid family members. The staff members have received the vaccine and are looking to come back to work. They had to close this week because of a staff member testing positive for co-vid. They have seen a decrease in expenses because of the virus. FY2021 budget revenue projection was average and brought residency up but revenue received for that quarter was low. The census amount will be adjusted appropriately after the end of the year. The last Balance Sheet showed their Capital Plan for 2019 and they updated the Plan at the request of the Finance Committee. They have to replace the roof in parts of the building for \$35,000 to \$65,000. They also have to replace other items in 2021. In 2019 they spent \$145,000 in repairs; in 2020 they spent \$175,000 in repairs; in 2021 they spent \$10,000 in repairs.

Questions from members;

Andy Lizotte: he has no understanding of the hole to be filled; the censor for 4 months is \$72,000; cash is \$640,000. What is cash hole and how are you going to fill the hole? Andy feels that the Town should not be married to this nursing home. He suggested that the Geriatric hire a financial advisor to look into this. Barbara Auger responded that she would like

Andy Lizotte and Phil Ciaramicoli to help her put things together and not have to hire a consultant. Phil reported that we do not have enough time to look at this and they could wait until July.

David Levine: the salary and benefits are too high. He wants to see profit sharing and know the town will be getting paid back.

Brant Hornberger: Asked how do you make payment? Can they make debt payment without the million dollars? Barbara Auger responded that they are willing to abide by certain restrictions if given the money. They will look for grants to help out and would like the Finance Committee to help them out.

Selectman Mike Walsh wants to take this to the May town meeting. He wants the members of town meeting to decide and not the Finance Committee. Selectman Tom O'Loughlin reported that if the Water Company moves forward at the May Town Meeting, there will not be enough time to do both. David Consigli would like this to be done in July. His concern is the Geriatric will not make it to October and they will have to close. Al Correia reported that if the Finance Committee and the Selectmen agree it will not be a long conversation at Town Meeting.

Discussions and questions as to should this be put off until July and if the million dollars is given now will it be asked again next years. Mike Walsh wants to get the group together and let it go forward at the May Town Meeting. Phil Ciaramicoli asked what is the cash position today for the Geriatric. He believes the Finance Committee needs this information. David Consigli wants to get together and get the numbers with the Finance Committee members and answer final questions.

Andy Lizotte moved to adjourn, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor. Roll Call.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents reviewed: Milford Geriatric Documents