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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Memorial Town Hall, Council on Aging Center

Town of Hatfield, Massachusetts

April 20, 2023, 6:30 pm

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Members present: Diane Brzozowski, Chair, Sean Barry, Kim Baker and John Wilkes, Jr

Guest present: Marlene Michonski, Town Administrator

The committee met to discuss the overall FY 2024 budget and shortfalls. Many of the reasons for the shortfalls can be attributed to School Choice, losing school age population, 55+ over housing. We have lost 100 students in town in the last 14 years. We have a responsibility to educate our children. Regionalization would take years and most likely is not a less expensive option. Police reform is contributed to staffing issues. There is an increased demand for highly skilled and trained EMS staff. The Fire/EMS has a lack of volunteers and lack of per diem staff. The town is seeing a 6% increase in health insurance premiums.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Baker, Secretary