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February 15, 2006 approved minutes of the Finance Committee on March 12, 2016

Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2006
 Public Meeting 7:30 PM
 Public Hearing 8:00 PM
 Office of the Board of Selectmen

Public Meeting

The Public meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order at: 7:30 PM with the following **Finance Committee members present**:

Bob Foley (left at 9:05 PM), Doris Metivier, Fred Churchill (left at 9:05 PM), Don Davison, Bill Hanley, Sue Robbins, Dave Ross.

Finance Committee members absent:

Gary Murray

Transfer Request from the Reserve fund from the Council on Aging

- Michelle Hatch was available to review the request with the Finance Committee. It was an emergency situation due to the need for the Meals on Wheels and the various needs for the Council on Aging.

Discussion regarding the payment of this bill for the replacement.

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee approve the transfer from the reserve fund to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$1,180.00.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Transfer Request from the Reserve Fund from the Board of Assessors

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee withdraw the transfer to the Board of Assessors in the amount of \$1,749.00.

Seconded: Don Davison.

All motions were withdrawn.

Contract to complete personal property

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee approve the transfer request in the amount of \$1,748.00.

Discussion. The parcels count was larger than anticipated.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

Town Administrator Screening Committee

- Bob Foley and Fred Churchill left the public meeting at 7:45 P.M. and returned at 8:03 P.M. for the public meeting.
- The Town Administrator Screening Committee meeting is running concurrently with the public hearing.

Bob Burger new Building Inspector

Board of Appeals and Planning Board Review

- Wayne Nicholas has requested that Board of Appeals and the Planning Board have their review back to back.
- Jennifer O'Neill has requested a particular Saturday.

Public Hearing

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee open the public hearing.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor.

The public hearing of the Finance Committee opened at 8:03 P.M.

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Budget

- Town Administrator, Russ Connor was present to meet with the Finance Committee re: the budget
- Maxing out at 2 ½ debt exclusion.
- \$1,400,000.00 on the debt exclusion
- The Grafton Elementary School will change the story in the Fall.
- Local receipts are level funded.

Stabilization Fund

- Russ Connor, Town Administrator, is suggesting that a Warrant article stay in place for the Stabilization Fund.
- "other" funds is for CPA funds, etc.
- The email with the Tax recap sheet has tags with messages.
- Overlay surplus is available for union contracts settlement.

Sewer Enterprise

- Three categories

Bond, operating budget (substantial due to the energy costs)

Offsets are on the Cherry Sheet and then it is taken away for school lunches and public library.

Cemeteries and Parks

- Airport and Riverview will be continuing projects.
- Other recreation parks will be on hold pending the review of development of plans.

Financial Status

Very little debt per capita. 10 year bond for Police Station which is better interest rates on the 10 year note

Sewer is taken care of by sewer fee

Middle School addition debt retires in 2008.

****Review of the Debt policy Pg. 21 in last year's budget book.

Webber note is paid off and there is excess of \$378,941.00

\$1,500,000.00 approx. from Hennessy

The funds are in a 3 month CD and can be used to pay off Hennessy II.
It is sitting in bank accounts and cannot be used unless it is appropriated by Town Meeting. To fund another project. New Stabilization fund

Libraries \$7,000,000.00 with 25% reimbursable , Schools \$50,000,000.00 with 25% reimbursable, Fire Station, DPW lots
Single lot parcels investigated and cleared to help mitigate debt for the future projects.
Town Administrator, Russ Connor's email will stay in place and we can contact him with budget questions during the Saturday meetings.

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Spring Town Meeting

*****Pay the Hennessy II property through an article
Stabilization article.

Unclassified and FICA are the increases adequate?

***** FICA/Medicare is increased by \$5,000.00 and additional \$10,000.00 for FY07 .

Special Town meeting for the Spring will have an article for a Group health increase for FY06 10%

School Department

- Has agreed to the proposed budget for FY07.
- Refer to the appropriation page since they returned \$300,000.00 +

Police

- Two new vehicles increasing the squad to 11 and rotate them.
- No new positions; just filling vacancies.

Fire Department

- Maintenance and Repair
- 3 doors replaced- capital
- New Inspector for the department.

Description is needed.

Engineering Department

- Not recommending a new engineer position at this time.

Sue Robbins thanked Russ for the his tenure

Tom French is the Gas and the plumbing inspector.

New carbon monoxide inspections will be effective

Roger Hammond will be the interim until the new Town Administrator is on board.

Adjournment:

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Public Meeting and Public Hearing of the Finance Committee adjourn.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries

The public meeting and public hearing adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Fiacco



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