

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 21, 2013

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Finance Committee Room, Town Hall with the following members present: M. Iwanowicz, J. Burke, J. Denneen, M. Kent, D. Bruce, J. McDermott, D. Crowley, L. Pitman, T. Williams and S. Lawson. Absent were: C. Lane, J. Lowre, S. Ahmed, D. DiCenso and P. Hinton. Also in attendance was Assistant Town Administrator J. Johnson, Town Accountant J. Cuneo and Fire Chief T. Bailey.

Also in attendance was: Police Department Personnel, Officer J. Zanghetti, Chief R. Stillman, Deputy Chief, J. Carmichael, DPW – R. O'Brien, Director, T. Perciaccante, D. Anderson, R. LeBlanc, A. Hand, and R. Mattson, Water Department

7:30 p.m. – Quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman L. Pitman.

May 6, 2013 Spring Annual Town Meeting

Capital Budget Articles #13 – 17

Speaking to these articles were Assistant Town Administrator J. Johnson, Capital Budget Committee Members W. Abbott and L. Gaffey, D. Sullivan and J. Spillane.

Article 13 – Capital Infrastructure Improvements

Recommended amount for this article is \$3,940,500 with the following Capital Budget recommendations, Administration-Telephone System Phase I, Pond's Committee-Clark's Pond Chemical Treatment, Turner's Lodge Building Renovations, Police Department: Quantar (main) Repeater, Radio Tower, DPW Irrigation Improvements, Hazardous Tree Removal, Building Maintenance, WHS Roof Replacement/HVA Improvements/Waterproofing, Fisher School Roof/Boiler/Window Replacement, Elm Street School Roof Replacement, Boyden School Rear Roof Replacement, Fisher School Café-Kitchen Floor Replacement, Town Hall Upgrades, Blackburn Hall Elevator Control Panel, Underground Oil Tank Removal, Systemwide Painting, Systemwide Floor and Tile Replacement, OPR School Fire Alarm Panels Replacement, Recreation Department: Center Wading Pool Rehab. Total request for this article is \$3,940,500.

MOTION MADE by J. Denneen, Seconded by J. Burke for Favorable Action on Article 13, Motion #1 in the amount \$184,500 from Free Cash, Motion Passed (10-0-0) (10 Voting)

MOTION MADE by J. Denneen, Seconded by D. Crowley for Favorable Acton on Article 13, Motion #2 in the amount of \$3,756,000 by Borrowing, Motion Passed (10-0-0) (10 voting)

Committee Members suggested to the Capital Budget Committee that Clark's Pond chemical treatment, and system wide painting and tree removal included under this article should be looked into as a possible line item in the respective budgets as they are areoccurring expense.

Article 14 – Capital Equipment Purchase

Requested amount for this article is \$1,287,696– Town Hall Copier, Security Camera System, Town Wide radios, Pond Committee – Quad w/plow. Board of Assessors- Software Licenses and Upgrades, Fire Department-Replace 2002 Fire Engine, Lucas CPR Machine and Striker Power Stretcher, Police Department- WPD Motorcycle , Crash Reconstruction Equipment, DPW Vehicle Maintenance- SweeperReplacement, 1 Ton Dump Truck (Parks), F-250 Utility Truck,Bldg. Maintenance,-F-250 Pickup Truck (Parks) Parks Department: Leaf Vac System, Skid Steer Snow Blower Attachment, School Department- Mobil Testing Labs for Elementary Schools (119,500, original request of \$125,000) Security Cameras (\$125,000, original request of \$86,500) Total request for this article is \$1,287,696.

MOTION MADE by D. Bruce, Seconded by T. Williams to eliminate the Security Camera System in the amount of \$73,000 (Administration) from Article 14, Motion Defeated (2-8-0) (D. Bruce and T. Williams in favor) (10 voting)

MOTION MADE by D. Crowley, Seconded by J. Denneen, for Favorable Action on Article 14, Motion #1 in the amount of \$842,696 funded by the following fund sources: \$32,000 Old Capital, \$20,000 Overlay, \$42,000 Ambulance Funds, \$748,000 Free Cash in the amount of \$32,000, Motion Passed (8-2-0) (D. Bruce, T. Williams in opposition) (10 voting)

MOTION MADE by D. Crowley, Seconded by J. Denneen for Favorable Action on Article 14, Motion #2 in the amount of \$445,000 from Borrowing to purchase a fire engine, Motion Passed (10-0-0) (10 voting)

Water and Sewer Articles, Nos. 7 and 8

Held - Finance Committee previously voted these articles, but the Sewer and Water Commissioners have made changes on the requested vehicles for this department. Town Administrator to provide the committee with updated amounts.

Article 15 – Streets & Sidewalks Improvements

\$160,000 being requested for the following street and sidewalk improvements at various locations: Chip Seal, CBD Signals, Crack Seal, Traffic Light Replacement and Repairs, Asphalt Sidewalk Overlay, Pedestrian Crossing @ East/Elm Street, and Coney Street Walkway/Bridge Repairs.

MOTION MADE by D. Crowley, Seconded by S. Lawson for Favorable Action on Article 15 in the amount of \$160,000 from Free Cash, Motion Passed (10-0-0) (10 voting) Unanimous

Article 16 – Street & Sidewalk Improvements

\$200,000 being requested from Borrowing for various street and sidewalk improvements.

MOTION MADE by D. Crowley, Seconded by S. Lawson for Favorable Action on Article 16 in the amount of \$200,000 from Borrowing, Motion Passed (10-0-0) (10 voting)

Article 17 – Leased Equipment/Various Departments

There are no requests for any equipment to be leased by the Town.

MOTION MADE by D. Crowley, Seconded by D. Bruce for No Action on Article 17, Motion Passed (10-0-0) (10 voting) Unanimous

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MOTION MADE by J. Denneen, Seconded by S. Lawson to approve the March 7, 2013 Minutes, Motion Passed (9-0-1) (D. Crowley abstained) (10 voting)

Adjourn

MOTION MADE by D. Crowley, Seconded by S. Lawson to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m., Motion Passed (10-0-0) (10 voting) Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Clare P. Abril
Clerk