

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 13, 2017

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Finance Committee Room, #112, Town Hall with the following members present: D. Bruce, J. Burke, J. Denneen, R. Mariani, T. Bowen, P. Stasiukevicius, J. Leith, R. Nottebart, M. Trudell, S. Lawson and E. Barmakian. Members absent were A. Healy, J. Vaillancourt and P. Hinton. Also in attendance was Town Administrator J. Johnson.

7:00 p.m. – Quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman D. Bruce.

May 1, 2017 Spring Annual Town Meeting

Articles 7-11 – Union Contracts

Article 7 – Police Contract

MOTION MADE by M. Trudell, Seconded by S. Lawson for Reconsideration of Article 7, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

Town Administrator spoke to the contract having modest changes in stipends and salary schedule amounts. Contract represents 1% increase in FY2018, 1.5% increase for FY2019 and 1% on 7/1/2019 and 1% on 1/1/2020. Total request for FY2018 Budget is \$40,000, Total for the three years is \$170,000. This will be funded from Taxation.

MOTION MADE by P. Stasiukevicius, Seconded by S. Lawson for \$40,000 from Taxation for Article 7, Police Contract, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

Committee questioned whether the amount received in stipends is included in retirement benefits. Town Administrator will check into this.

Article 9 – Town Hall Clerical

MOTION MADE by M. Trudell, Seconded by S. Lawson for Reconsideration of Article 9, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

Town Administrator spoke to FY2018, pay scale will be adjusted to reflect a 1.5 % cost of living adjustment, and FY2019 and FY2020, cost of living adjustment will be 2.25% each year. Language changes dealing with out of classification pay, increase in longevity pay and all personnel hired on or after June 30, 2020 shall not be eligible for

longevity. Requested amount for this article is \$14,500, (\$12,181 as the balance of the funding will come from clerical employees working in the Water and Sewer Department being funded out of those respective budgets Articles 5 and 6) Total cost of the contract for three years is \$57,904.

MOTION MADE by J. Denneen, Seconded by J. Burke for Favorable Action on Article 9, Town Hall Clerical in the amount of \$12,181 from Taxation, Motion Passed (10-1-0) (J. Leith opposed) (11 voting)

Article 11 - Library

MOTION MADE by M. Trudell, Seconded by S. Lawson for Reconsideration of Article 11, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

Town Administrator spoke to contact includes cost of living adjustments and language changes. Pay Scale for 2018 adjusted to 1.25%, FY2019 and 2020, adjustments of 2% on July 1, 2018 and 2% on July 1, 2019. Requested amount is for \$4,500 from Taxation for a total of \$20,665 for the contract for three years.

MOTION MADE by J. Denneen, Seconded by S. Lawson for Favorable Action on Article 11 – Library Contract in the amount of \$4,500 from Taxation, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

Committee had questions on the Town being required to increase the hours that it is open when the population is increased to 25,000. (an additional 6 hours) Town's population isn't there yet but there will be time to adjust the budget when this is done, per the Library Director S. Genovese.

Town Clerk

Town Administrator spoke to the Assistant Town Clerk will have to be voted Acting Town Clerk during the May 1, 2017 Spring Annual Town Meeting.

Article 32 – Walking Easement/Timberline Drive

Committee Member presented to the Committee background information on Article 32, from the Engineer J. Glossa. Committee had no further questions on this article.

MOTION MADE by T. Bowen, Seconded by J. Burke for Reconsideration of Article 32, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

MOTION MADE by J. Denneen, Seconded by R. Nottebart for Favorable Action on Article 32, Motion Passed, (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

Article 8 – DPW Contract

Negotiations are ongoing and will not be settled for this Town Meeting.

MOTION MADE by M. Trudell, Seconded by S. Lawson for Reconsideration of Article 8, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

MOTION MADE by T. Bowen, Seconded by M. Trudell for No Action on Article 8, DPW Contract, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

Article 10 – Firefighters’ Contract

Negotiations are ongoing and will not be settled for this Town Meeting.

MOTION MADE by T. Bowen, Seconded by J. Denneen for Reconsideration, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

MOTION MADE by T. Bowen, Seconded by J. Denneen for No Action on Article 10, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

Minutes

March 30, 2017

MOTION MADE by M. Trudell, Seconded by R. Nottebart to approve the March 30, 2017 Minutes as amended, Motion Passed (9-0-2) (9-0-2) (S. Lawson. J. Denneen abstained) (11 voting)

April 3, 2017

MOTION MADE by R. Nottebart, Seconded by S. Lawson to approve the April 3, 2017 Minutes as amended, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

Adjourn:

MOTION MADE by J. Denneen, Seconded by S. Lawson to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Clare P. Abril
Clerk