

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 27, 2017

Regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Finance Committee Room with the following members present: M. Trudell, J. Burke, S. Lawson, J. Denneen, T. Bowen, R. Mariani, R. Nottebart, J. Vallincourt and J. Leith, P. Hinton and J. Stasiukevicius. Members absent were: D. Bruce, A. Healy, E. Barmakian. Also in attendance was Town Administrator J. Johnson, Assistant Town Administrator T. Gregory, Town Accountant J. Cuneo, and various department heads and members of the general public.

7:00 p.m. – Quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Acting Chairman M. Trudell.

May 1, 2017 Spring Annual Town Meeting

Article 3 – FY2017 Supplemental Budgets

No funding necessary to fund this article.

MOTION MADE by S. Lawson, Seconded by J. Burke for Reconsideration of Article 3, Motion Passed, (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

MOTION MADE by S. Lawson, Seconded by J. Denneen for No Action on Article 3, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

Article 4 – FY2018 Budget (Funding)

MOTION MADE by S. Lawson, Seconded by J. Burke for Reconsideration of Article 4, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

MOTION MADE by S. Lawson, Seconded by J. Burke for Favorable Action on Article 4, in the amount of \$86,195,419 to be raised from the following funding sources: \$83,940,613-Taxation, \$665,000-Ambulance Fund, \$3,000-Sale of Cemetery Lots, \$1,158,626-Water Enterprise Fund, \$426,418-Sewer Enterprise Fund, \$1,762-Septic Loan Assistance Program, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

Article 12 – Previous Year's Unpaid Bills

MOTION MADE by S. Lawson, Seconded by J. Denneen for Reconsideration of Article 12, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

MOTION MADE by S. Lawson, Seconded by J. Denneen for No Action on Article 12, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

Article 13 – Snow & Ice Deficit

No monies being requested, approximately \$90,000 balance left in this budget. Any monies left will go into next year's Free Cash.

MOTION MADE by S. Lawson, Seconded by J. Denneen for Reconsideration of Article 13, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

MOTION MADE by S. Lawson, Seconded by J. Denneen for No Action on Article 13, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

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MOTION MADE by J. Denneen, Seconded by M. Trudell to approve the Minutes of March 6, 2017, Motion Passed (10-0-1) (J. Burke abstained) (11 voting)

MOTION MADE by R. Nottebart, Seconded by J. Burke to approve the Minutes of March 9, 2017, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

MOTION MADE by R. Nottebart, Seconded by J. Burke to approve the Minutes of March 20, 2017, Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

MOTION MADE by R. Nottebart, Seconded by J. Burke to approve the Minutes of March 27, 2017, Motion Passed (9-0-2) (P. Hinton, R. Mariani abstained) (11 voting)

MOTION MADE by R. Nottebart, Seconded by J. Denneen to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2017, Motion Passed (10-0-1) (P. Hinton abstained) (11 voting)

Within Internal Budget Transfer/Fire Department

Chief Bailey spoke to his request of \$60,000 to be transferred from Salaries to Expenses. The excess in the salary line item is due to the department anticipating five new hires being hired as of July 1, 2016, these hires did not start till January, 2017. This created an excess in the salary line item for the Fire Department. The \$60,000 request for expenses will be used for equipment apparatus, electric apparatus, ambulance supplies, professional service and firefighter's uniforms. He anticipates \$125,000 excess in the salary line item. Any monies left in the budget will go into Free Cash. The Fire Department Overtime balance as of April 27, 2017 is \$71,000.

MOTION MADE by S. Lawson, Seconded by J. Burke to approve an internal transfer for the Fire Department in the amount of \$60,000 from Salaries to Expenses with the following breakdown: \$36,000- Equipment Apparatus, \$3,000-Electric Apparatus,

\$5,000-Ambulance Supplies, \$13,000 Professional Services and \$3,000 Firefighter Uniforms, Motion Approved (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

Permission granted for Mark Trudell to sign the form as Acting Chairman.

Town Meeting

Room Assignments – Finance Committee has been assigned Room #112, Johnson Middle School for the Committee to meet in case there are any votes needed to be taken.

Location – Town Meeting has been moved to the Johnson Middle School instead of the high school. Notice of this change will be put on the electronic board. Location of the meeting is the call of the Town Moderator.

Interim Town Clerk

Liz Gaffey has been serving as the interim Town Clerk but not officially. Town Moderator will ask the Representative Town Meeting Members to vote Liz Gaffey as the Interim Town Clerk for this Town Meeting.

Finance Committee Public Hearing

MOTION MADE by J. Denneen, Seconded by S. Lawson to open the Finance Committee Public Hearing on the Budgets/Articles at 7:30 p.m. Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

Acting Chairman M. Trudell extended a welcome to the public. Finance Committee has deliberated and met with all department heads on the budgets and articles.

Discussion was open for the general public to ask any questions and provide comments relating to the May 1, 2017 Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 31 – Zoning By-law Amendments

Extensive discussion from the Committee and members of the audience on the merits on this proposed article to amend Zoning By-law Section 6-C, Special Conditions 4, Number of Buildings per Lot A. Residential by deleting the strikethrough text and adding the bold text as printed in the Warrant. This proposal provides the Zoning Board some guidelines and is a simple article to help people in the General Residence Zone. This requested change has also provided for extensive confusion. To take No Action, at this time, will allow for developers to go forward to the ZBA with applications.

Planning Board voted 3-2-0 in favor of the article, Selectmen voted No Action 4-0-0

MOTION MADE by S. Lawson, Seconded by J. Denneen to close the Finance Committee Public Hearing at 9:15 p.m., Motion Passed (11-0-0) Unanimous.

Article 31 – Discussion ensued

Three options available are available on this article for the Committee to vote 1) Refer Back to Committee, 2) No Action or 3) Favorable Action. Town Meeting Members can also offer a substitute motion on an article.

Finance Committee will meet on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnson Middle School to take up action on this article.

MOTION MADE by J. Denneen, Seconded by S. Lawson to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion Passed (11-0-0) (11 voting) Unanimous

Respetfully submitted,

Clare P. Abril
Clerk