

Town of Holliston Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2018

The meeting convened at 7:00pm in Room 105 at Holliston Town Hall. In attendance: Chairperson Ken Szajda, Vice Chairperson Michelle Zeamer, Clerk Ben Sparrell, Tim Maxwell, and Dan Alfred. Absent: Vincent Murphy and Sue Nersessian.

Ms. Zeamer made a motion to approve, as amended, the meeting minutes for March 20, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Maxwell, and passed by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Zeamer made a motion to approve, as amended, the meeting minutes for August 28, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Maxwell, and passed by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Zeamer made a motion to approve, as amended, the meeting minutes for September 11, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Maxwell, and passed by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Zeamer made a motion to approve timesheet submission for five hours recording meeting minutes of August 28 and September 11, 2018 by Finance Committee Secretary, Nancy Farrell. Mr. Maxwell seconded the vote and it passed by a vote of 5-0.

Members of the Holliston Police Department Chief Matt Stone, Lieutenants Craig Denman and Chad Thompson came to discuss the acquisition of a motorcycle for the department, which was approved by the Board of Selectmen. Considerations included: maneuverability, cost savings, tactical benefits, and training, staffing and equipment costs. The Committee raised concerns about the motorcycle including increased risks, the replacement of a police sedan vehicle, and seasonal or weather impacts on use. The Committee also questioned the Selectman's recommendation of a lease instead of a purchase.

Selectman John Cronin addressed the Committee with his endorsement of the acquisition of the motorcycle.

Members of the School Committee Budget Subcommittee Lisa Kocian and Ann Louise Hanstad came in to update the Committee on the School's capital request total of \$218,000, which was voted on at last School Committee meeting. The capital budget included a modified request of \$24,000 for repairs to the Exterior wall of the Field House at the High School including an inspection of the building along with an estimate for repairs.

DPW Director Sean Reese came in to discuss the DPW capital request. Discussion included the request for \$141,909 for a replacement vehicle outside of asset management plan; the request for funding for water meter replacement and the meter

fee charge that was meant to cover this cost; as well as some discussion of the feasibility of sewer lines for public buildings.

Fire Chief Michael Cassidy discussed the Fire Department request of \$35,000 for a UTV for Rail Trail access. The Selectmen have not yet voted on this purchase. The committee had questions about the possible damage to the rail trail, where the vehicle would be housed, and other options for use.

The next meeting was set for October 9, 2018. At that time, the Committee plans to vote all Warrant Articles for Fall Town Meeting. He asked for clarity in the wording of the article regarding sewer lines for public buildings. He encouraged the resolution of issue concerning the exterior field house wall.

Mr. Alfred made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sparrell, and passed by a vote of 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:05am.