

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM in the meeting room in Lower Town Hall. The following members were present: Ken Szajda, Mark Schultz, Tom Meehan, Pam Zicko, Kathleen White and Michelle Zeamer.

FinComm began the meeting with a discussion of the Building Inspector's budget. Peter Tartakoff is looking for \$125,985, which is below the guideline and \$2001 over the budget of \$123,984 voted in by the FinComm. He is taking \$2000 from his salary and shifting it to Professional Services #52190. Mark Schultz, seconded by Tom Meehan, made a MOTION to reconsider the FY13 recommended budget for the Building Inspector. Passed 6-0-0. Mark Schulz, seconded by Tom Meehan, made a MOTION to recommend an FY13 budget of \$125,985 for the Building Inspector. Pam Zicko questioned increasing the budget if he didn't need it. Ken Szajda said that it would come back as free cash if it is not needed – it would not be used for salaries. Passed 6-0-0.

They briefly discussed the COA and Lena Arena DeRosa's desire to put more money into Buildings & Maintenance. The building is aging and needs repairs as the center grows. Lena is also looking for another staff member (at \$11.99 per hour) to extend the hours at the center.

FinComm then began discussing the warrant articles.

Art. 11 – The COA is requesting the establishment of a new revolving account.

FinComm questioned where the money from classes has been going. What is the procedural change in Art. 11?

Art. 10 – Pam Zicko, seconded by Tom Meehan, made a MOTION to recommend favorable action on Art. 10, to reauthorize the Revolving Funds as stated in the article. Passed 6-0-0. (Note to discuss #15, the passport revolving account, at a future meeting)

Art. 3 – FinComm would like to amend it at Town Meeting.

Art. 4 – It needs to state that there is no change in the table from last year.

Art. 5- Pam Zicko, seconded by Mark Schultz, made a MOTION to recommend favorable action on the Consolidated Personnel By-law Sect. 30, Compensation Plan, noting the 1%. Passed 6-0-0.

Art. 6 – Pam Zicko, seconded by Mark Schultz, made a MOTION to recommend the town raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$11,011.05 for unpaid late bills from prior years. Passed 6-0-0.

Art. 7 – Mark Schultz, seconded by Kathleen White, made a MOTION to recommend the town raise and appropriate or transfer \$61,242 to the Police budget, line 51000, Personal Services (to cover overtime and Lieutenant Edison) and to raise and appropriate or transfer \$20,000 to the Water budget, line 52000, Purchase Services (for well #7). Passed 6-0-0.

Art. 9 – Tom Meehan, seconded by Pam Zicko, made a MOTION to authorize the spending of Chapter 90 funds. Passed 6-0-0.

Art. 14 – Mark Schultz, seconded by Tom Meehan, made a MOTION to recommend favorable action on Art. 14, for an amount not to exceed \$140.00. Passed 6-0-0.

Art. 15 – Pam Zicko, seconded by Mark Schultz, made a MOTION to recommend favorable action on Art. 15, the omnibus budget. Passed 6-0-0.

Art. 16 – Mark Schultz, seconded by Pam Zicko, made a MOTION to recommend indefinite postponement of Art. 16, capital expenditures. Passed 6-0-0.

Art. 18 – Mark Schultz, seconded by Pam Zicko, made a MOTION to recommend the town raise and appropriate or transfer \$500,000 for the Stabilization Fund. Passed 6-0-0.

Art. 19 – Mark Schultz, seconded by Tom Meehan, made a MOTION for the town to raise and appropriate or transfer \$350,000 for Capital Expenditure Fund. Passed 6-0-0.

Art. 20 – Mark Schultz, seconded by Pam Zicko, made a MOTION to recommend indefinite postponement of Art. 20 to set up an OPEB Liability Trust. Passed 6-0-0.

Art 21 – Mark Schultz, seconded by Kathleen White, made a MOTION to recommend the town raise and appropriate or transfer \$5000 for the purpose stated in the article. Passed 6-0-0.

Art. 22 – The wording is wrong.

Art. 23 – FinComm questioned why Art. 23, dealing with taxes for Bullard Farm, is on the Warrant. They need to speak to the BOA, who put it on the Warrant. Mark Schultz, seconded by Pam Zicko, made a MOTION to recommend indefinite postponement of Art. 23. Passed 6-0-0.

Art. 24 – Tom Meehan, seconded by Kathleen White, made a MOTION to recommend favorable action on Art. 24, to transfer an amount not to exceed \$500 for reasons specified in the article for well #7 and to be expended within the sunset clause. Passed 6-0-0.

Art. 26 – The Water Dept. is requesting to close out old articles to put towards work on well #4. Mark Schultz, seconded by Tom Meehan, made a MOTION to recommend that the town appropriate \$101,699 from Water Surplus for the purposes stated in the article. Passed 6-0-0.

Art. 28 – The Water Dept is asking to return money to water surplus from bonding. This does not need to be done by an article at Town Meeting.

Paul LeBeau reminded FinComm that the public had asked for the late bills that are paid through Art. 6 at Town Meeting be published.

At next week's meeting, FinComm still needs to deal with a couple of articles, the School budget and clarify the Fire and Ambulance budgets.

At 10:13 PM, Pam Zicko, seconded by Mark Schultz, made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Passed 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Faith Antonioli, Secretary

Date Approved: May 1, 2012