

JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

July 11, 2012

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Meeting Date: July 11, 2012

Called to Order: 6:00 PM

Location: 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls MA

Finance Committee Members Present: John Hanold, Michael Naughton, Roy Rosenblatt, Lynn Reynolds and Rebecca Williams

Board of Selectmen Members: Christopher Boutwell and Mark Fairbrother

Others Present: Frank Abbondanzio (Town Administrator) and Carolyn Olsen (Town Accountant)

Minutes

Finance Committee Moved:

To approve the minutes of May 30, 2012.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained

Selectmen Moved:

To approve the minutes of May 30, 2012.

Vote: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

New Member

Rebecca Williams was welcomed to the Finance Committee.

Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

Solid Waste is requesting \$3,500 to pay the final bills for Fiscal Year 2012 from the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District.

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend a transfer of \$3,500 from the Reserve Fund to the Solid Waste budget.

Vote: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Finance Committee Moved:

To transfer \$3,500 from the Reserve Fund to the Solid Waste budget.

Vote: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

The Selectman are requesting \$2845.10 for the Legal budget to pay the final Fiscal Year 2012 bills from Blatman, Bobrowski and Mead LLC, Kopelman and Paige PC, and an arbitrator's bill.

Selectmen Moved:

To recommend a transfer of \$2,845.10 from the Reserve Fund to the Legal budget.

Vote: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

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Vote: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Mr. Naughton asked if the Fiscal Year 2013 Legal budget would be adequate, and if not, he recommended that additional appropriations be made through special town meeting rather than reserve fund transfers.

Unanticipated items:

- Received \$72,000 Green Communities Grant for Water Pollution Control Facility
- Chapter 90 funds of \$502,000 have been approved for Fiscal Year 2013
- Municipal aid for Fiscal Year 2013 is slightly above what was anticipated during the budget process.
- The planned meeting for Mr. Singleton to discuss the Chapter 70 formula will be postponed until early fall and may be a general meeting with many participants rather than an official finance committee meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:23 PM

List of Documents and Exhibits –

- Minutes of May 30, 2012
- Reserve Fund Transfer Request from Solid Waste
- Reserve Fund Transfer Request from Legal

Next Meetings

- July 25th reorganization, plan work schedule
- August 15th, September 12th