



TOWN OF DARTMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS

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Peter Friedman, Chairman
Greg Lynam, Vice-Chairman

Pursuant to a call to order and notice duly given in the manner required by law and the By-laws of the Town of Dartmouth, a meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Dartmouth Town Hall, Room 315.

Members Present: Patrick Roth, Francis Pettingill, Peter Friedman, Shannon Jenkins, Greg Lynam, Stephen Mitchell, Dave Ferreira
Members Absent: Melissa Haskell

RTF: \$16 for Association of Town FinCom Dues

- Withdrawn

Health Insurance Brief – Ed

- All BCBS – we pay 50%
- 82% in HMO
- Large switch over to new New England HMO Blue
- Largest single savings in town health costs in years - ~571K
- Trend for July, August, September is downward costs

Warrant

- Article FF:
 - State mandated removal of language
 - Key Change: Must have 3 years of experience to take exam for sergeant
 - Chief Pacheco will e-mail narrative about the changes and reasons
 - If questions, will request Chief to come to next Thursday's meeting
- Articles A & B:
 - for foreclosures, need approval to receive deed in lieu of foreclosure, will try to auction off later
- Article C:
 - state statute allows for demand fee up to \$30.00
 - current fee is \$5, cost to send out demand greater than \$20
- Article D:
 - Contractor ran into difficulties due to need for additional depth
 - DPW negotiated return of \$330K from consultant
 - According to law, must go into retained earnings then paid out
- Turn-backs and end of year financial picture
 - \$1.9M in turnbacks
 - Doesn't include snow and ice deficit
 - Ed needs certification from state to know total available at Fall TM
 - Potential maximum ~\$2M+

- Article N:
 - \$1644 for prior year invoices
 - Mainly bill to Zoning Board for various ads placed on behalf of applicants
- Articles O-1 and O-2
 - Will discuss in executive session
 - Will probably be reduced to 1 article – O
- Article Q:
 - \$10K for employee training
 - Some specialized training will increase efficiency
 - Used to appropriate \$5K/year
 - Mike will develop list of potential training purposes
- Article R:
 - 3 years since any training for disaster training, used funds provided by Bristol County – they no longer provide these funds
 - Includes volunteers, people in other areas we draft into response
 - Pete: does this set bad precedent in terms of allowing appropriations at Fall Town meeting? Contrary to DOR report
- Article S:
 - Emergency heating assistance
 - Will this be enough money?

Executive Session

- All FinCom members vote Yes to go into executive session
- Discussion of Contract Negotiations related to Article AA
- Discussion of Litigation

MOTION

Jenkins moves to adjourn, Ferreira seconds (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Jenkins
Acting Clerk