



TOWN OF DARTMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS

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Action Items:

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, October 1st 2009 at 6:30P.M. at the Dartmouth Town Hall, Select Board Room.

Members Present: Patrick, Peter, Stephen, Greg, Mary Louise, Shannon, David, Jason

6:35PM – Pledge of Allegiance

6:36PM - Transfer Fund Request -

Ed Icaponi – Search for a newer used vehicle for the Emergency Management Vehicle Pool.

Peter asked why now and not wait for town meeting? Ed explains this is timing issue and good a deal and we have a need for the car.

Motion made by Shannon – \$5,500 Reserve fund transfer to purchase a vehicle for Emergency Management

David 2nd

VOTE: Pass – 8-0-0

6:45PM - Review of Budget / Live Worksheet - close out 1 time revenue

Discussions on: DPW Oil Tank replacement on Russell Mills –

Shannon Q: Will these be subject to 9C cuts - Ed answered: NO, this is tied to transportation bond bill.

Patrick asked: Can we place parking lots paving into the roads budget where it can be surveyed vs. a nickel and dime quote?

Motion: ML to allocated min of \$7,500 to reseal Southworth Library parking lot.

2nd: Greg

Pass – 8-0-0

6:55PM - Discussion of Southworth Library Access – The consensus of the board was that this needs to come through town's Access Committee and meet the requirements of the plan.

7:00PM - School Department -

Discussion about the Schools technology needs. Costs were presented. The FinCom stressed to School Committee that there needs to be a harder look at the costs of computers. The proposal is \$799 per computer –

David: What is the replacement plan? Greg answered: A 6-7 year cycle a plan is being formed. David asks for the specifics and Greg responded that this item is also part of our town's 5 year CIP plan.

Discussion about Full Day Kindergarten – School Committee recommends a Readiness Plan of - \$225,000 to prepare the infrastructure at the Cushman School ready to receive students - Example re-configure building add bathrooms upstairs , changes to some rooms. EX: \$10K for planning service AC/ HEAT Electric install outlets fire ext. \$52,000 bathrooms \$62,000 \$24K playground - Fundraiser for that \$25K for Quinn

David proposed set additional money aside into the STAB fund in the event it does not get started.

Shannon – Feels that the reality for this to work is that it will need to be Tuition Based. Greg added that with annual operational costs of \$800K that all options included tuition based must be reviewed. Question tabled: What could tuition base raise in terms of the revenue? Not determinable at this time. The current Full-Day Option to parents is fee based, but half day is still non-tuition based and must be offered.

8:00PM – Ed Icaponi discussed Town Hall Renovation item of \$195,000 – He stated monies would rehab the Old Town Hall with the attached Police Parking Lot for paving – Windows – These renovations will assist with the plan of having DCTV use the site.

8:10PM - Sprung Building – Ed Icaponi discussed the PLAN and use of the Spring Building. To use to cover town equipment. Remove them from the elements which in turn will prolong the life and reduce cost associated with weather worn equipment. Q: How long will it last? Ed anticipated 20 years of use of cold storage.

Balance: \$2.3MM in 1 time revenues.

Bottom # categories are recommended to go to stab fund. \$777,778 - \$55K (Special Election) - \$710,000 Full Day start up costs - reading, technology furniture at Cushman etc. Arts minimal playground equipment.

Motion made by Shannon to approve 1 time revenues –
2nd David
VOTE – 8-0-0

BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS FY/2010

Discussion about the various items

Discussion around beach stickers - total revenue raised by park dept is \$114K

Move to create Warrant Recommendations

Stephen D. Mitchell
Clerk