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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 January 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dartmouth Town Hall on Slocum Road.

Members Present: Frank Gracie (FG), David Tatelbaum (DT), Lou Garibaldi (LG), Doug Roscoe (DR), Michael Proulx (MP), John Haran (JH), Lisa Koczera (LK)
Members Absent: John Swanson, Nicole Almeida

Guests: Jennifer Dacey and Steve Burns, Bristol County Mosquito Control Board; Gregory Barnes; Wendy Henderson; Robert Oliveira, School Committee

6:30 p.m. Pledge

6:31 p.m. Ms. Dacey gave a presentation outlining and summarizing the work of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Board. She explained the breeding habits of various species and the transmission of mosquito-borne illnesses, including EEE and West Nile virus. The presentation noted work that has been completed in Dartmouth. FG commented that the work done was quite extensive; public awareness of this work is low. Ms. Dacey noted that ground spraying for mosquitoes may be done at the request of residents.

Re: the Board's budget, FG questioned increase in payroll line. Ms. Dacey noted that they have been level-funded for two years and are hoping to add staff. LG asked for the basis for Dartmouth's share of the budget; the town's share is based on land area. The rate that Dartmouth pays does not go up based on the number of calls from residents. FG thanked Ms. Dacey and Mr. Burns for their informative presentation.

7:25 p.m. Discussion of life guard stands for the Park Department. This discussion included comments on the FinCom's policy to ask town departments to spend down their budgets before asking for transfers from the Reserve Fund. There was concern among the group that the Park Department would not take advantage of the opportunity to have the stands made at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech, because a Reserve Fund transfer request had been denied. It was noted that purchasing life guard stands from a vendor, and funding the purchase through CIP, would cost the taxpayers a great deal more. The Park Board, however, was refusing to have the stands without a Reserve Fund Transfer because they did not want to have come back before the FinCom when the budget was spent down.

Because members of the FinCom were adamant that this project should not cost taxpayers more than necessary, and because there is potential liability with the current stands in disrepair, it was requested that Mr. Barnes change the account number on the RFT request. DT made a motion that \$2500 be requested for a separate line in the budget that currently has a zero balance. This would honor the FinCom policy and allow the Park Department to get the necessary work done. JH 2nd. Vote to transfer \$2500 to the Other Capital Outlay line, for use in purchasing materials for life guard stands to be built by students at GNB Voc-Tech, was approved 7-0.

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8:03 p.m. DT discussed a meeting he attended regarding use of the various athletic fields in town, including those leased by DYSA. Both DYSA and the School Department are working on various scenarios to improve access to fields. It was noted that there are 30 acres behind Quinn School which will be surveyed to determine potential for use.

8:11 p.m. Following a brief discussion of the meeting schedule going forward, and motion was made by LG to adjourn. MP 2nd. VOTE 7-0 YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Koczera
Temporary Clerk