



TOWN OF DARTMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS

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Peter Friedman, Chairman
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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 Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Dartmouth Town Hall, Room 315.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gregory Lynam, , Peter Friedman, Francis Pettengill, Shannon Jenkins, Patrick Roth, Tenney Lantz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Melissa Haskell, Stephen Mitchell, David Ferreira

MEETING WITH DCTV

Cindy presented information. Funded by Comcast - 3.75% of cable revenue generated by cable fees in town. Contract expires 9/5/2013. Have some money included for expenses at Old Town Hall, but difficult to estimate. Costs for move will come from revenues from Comcast. Technology move will cost ~\$100,000. Have money but will probably bond the cost to be more conservative and because interest rates are so low. Money not spent each year rolls into capital account. There is a strategic plan for the update of technology and use of funds. \$150,000 CIP request is an estimate of costs of move; hope to have exact numbers in time for town meeting. Normal turn-backs come from capital budget; budget reflects what might be needed to replace equipment. There are also turn-backs from other salaries. Greg requested amounts in DCTV turn-back accounts.

MEETING WITH CPC

Attorney Thomas to present overview on CPC accounts. New grant procedures. Municipal grants go through town warrant process. Non-profit grants do not. New policy sets forth formal requirements for non-profit grants which are disbursed through town. CPC developed new grant application and process. New grant agreement established so as to not have to use an attorney for each grant. Created disbursement process to check status of grant. 10% of grant retained until all documentation provided to CPC. Clarified claw-back provisions; can recapture funds if improperly expended (grantee responsible for legal fees as well). In future, all grant applications will be able to be filled out on town website. Working on close-out of all prior projects. Anticipated completion date: 10/09.

CPC does have money to fund these projects (approximately 1.5M in bank).

Discussion of Projects:

Apponegansett Meeting House: Some money necessary to stabilize building. On National Register of Historic Places. Has been approved by MA Historical Commission. Balcony cannot be used until post is replaced. Overall condition of building quite good. Grounds are included in National Historic Register, not just building. Originally slated for 157,400. Actual cost is 162,400.

Inventory of Historic Buildings: Need information of historic buildings for demolition review. Just about completed through 1850; want to do from 1851-1889. Volunteer board needs help of professional with this survey. Survey will be placed on town website. Questions about whether this can be paid out of historic funds (Savastano of opinion that this needs to come out of administrative overhead funds). Has been approved through CPC before and in other towns. Should be nailed down before town meeting.

Police Barracks: Indefinitely postponed at October town meeting. 270K appraisal; other 80K will be used to begin refurbishment of building. Need legislation to get permission to purchase. Want to partner with other agencies to refurbish. Will seek grants (850K for upgrades) to finish building. If DHA cannot continue, would go back to state – working on revising that clause. Liability for building would be carried by DHA. State has mentioned there may be further discounting; need to talk to Quinn and Montigny about

including this in legislation. DHA has no money to put towards this project as it is not a state project. Need CPC approval to ask for legislation from legislature.

Boating Access at Clark's Cove: Property will be capped to prevent leeching of contaminants. Was oil depot, gone now, but soil contaminated. Must be remediated. Must be sealed. Parking lot and boat launch. Property taken as foreclosure. Have done a lot of mitigation. Purchase property next door. Only access point for town to Clark's Cove. Does not include launching area. Waterways would be responsible for maintenance; will be self-sustaining from parking fees.

WARRANT

Review of Special and Annual Warrant.

Article C: Numbers need to be updated

Article D: Change to 162,400

Pete request to School Committee on heating and oil costs

SCHEDULE A/CIP

Revenue update: Gov' budget 0 out Quinn bill money. Additional cut of 100K to lottery money. 356K meals tax money is gone. Will hold discussion until revenue numbers are more stable and clear.

MOTION

Jenkins moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lantz seconded the motion. (6-0-0)

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Jenkins

Clerk