



TOWN OF DARTMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS

Finance Committee
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Shannon Jenkins, Chair
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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 Monday June 21st, 2010 at 6:30P.M. at the Dartmouth Town Hall, Room 315.

Members Present: Greg Lynam, David Ferreira, Shannon Jenkins, Patrick Roth, Barry Walker, Mary Louise Nunes, John Swanson

Members Absent: Jason Wentworth, Steve Mitchell

Pledge of Allegiance / Agenda Overview

6:30 Discussion ensues about scheduling going forward. It is agreed that Thursdays remain good for all. Chair sets next definite meetings for July 8th, and Aug 26th. There is the possibility of a meeting on Aug 12th or 19th.

SJ: Reads into record the new Open Meeting Law regarding e-mail deliberations.

GL: Gathering and disseminating information is O.K.

PR: Debating the merits of information is not.

JS: Feels all communication should be done at the meetings.

PR: Having no e-mail correspondence would delay the work of FinCom by at least a month.

All agree except JS that we cannot fulfill our obligations without exchanging information via e-mail but that we should be conscientious about the line between deliberation and information.

Chief Lee presents report on Harbor Patrol and overtime.

GL: Elaborates on how police overtime has been kept under control in recent years.

BW: Concerned about possible staffing discrepancies between actual "boots on the street" and numbers given to public in order to obtain police property tax override votes. Would like a detailed staffing presentation before next spring's budget season.

RFT: Quinn School window contingency money: \$113,000

Manny Cordeiro: Money needed to meet state requirements but he is confident that it will be returned at the end of the project.

ML: How much is the design fee?

MannyC: \$95,000

GL: Questions Greg Barnes, "How do we do this?"

GBarnes: Describes mechanisms to reappropriate the money at the end of the project and states David Cressman's preference to do it out of fy11 budget.

PR: Motion to approve

ML: second

GL: This could affect open contracts

Discussion ensues on potential outcomes of state aid



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Vote: YES (ML, BW, PR, SJ) NO (GL, DF) Abstension (JS)

RFT: Clerk's Office software \$6,089.39

Software to help manage dog licenses, weed smoking fines, land records, business licensing and switches that to interface town and state records.

ML: Motion to approve
DF: second

Vote: YES 7-0

RFT: Animal Control \$3,000

Bording, medical and euthanizing costs

PR: Motion to approve
DF: second

VOTE: YES 7-0

Filling vacant fincom liason positions:

JS: Volunteers for DPW and Soil Board
ML: Fills Veterans Commission

PR: Motion to adjourn
ML: second

Vote: YES 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Walker