

TOWN OF DEEP RIVER
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 27, 2015

The Board of Finance convened its Regular Meeting at the Deep River Town Hall on Tuesday October 27, 2015. Meeting called to order by George Eckenroth at 7:30 PM. Members present: Carmela Balducci, Bill Ballsieper, Lori Guerette, Russ Marth, John Wichtowski. Also present Richard Smith, Dave Oliveria, Angus McDonald.

Approval of Minutes: on MOTION made by B. Ballsieper, seconded by R. Marth, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of September 2015. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Town Deposits Report received for review.

Audience of Citizens: Library Board made presentation concerning request for additional hours for the children's position from 11 1/2 to 20 hours, partial funding of salary offered from Friends of the Library of \$2,633.75. Desire to split the cost with town, a total cost of \$5,267.50 for remaining fiscal year, annual cost would be \$7,980, to have this position increase continue in future fiscal years. Discussion concerning salary increase requested from \$15.30 to \$19 hourly, consideration of potential step increase, future budget considerations and salary increases as part of budget preparation discussions. Noted that the Library Board voted to approve 50% of the increase and any change in amount will need to be discussed further with that Board, estimate total of \$3,378 at hourly increase of \$1.00 for the remainder of this fiscal year, town obligation would be \$1,689. Library Board will get other town comparisons of salaries. Selectmen approved position hours increase to 20 hours weekly, and max increase in budget line to be \$3,378 with \$1,689 to be provided by the Friends of the Library, hourly increase of \$1.00, with future discussions on program and salary.

Recommendation of Selectmen: recommendation to approve children's librarian position increase to 20 hours weekly, an hourly wage increase of \$1.00 to \$16.30 for the current employee, with future discussions on program and wages, budget line 10151-51052 to be adjusted at a later date.

R. Smith gave update concerning gas conversion for town hall and library at \$18,275, old ambulance barn at \$5,475, requested \$25,000 from Capital Non-Recurring Fund to cover conversions, noted that school line has been run to kitchen, would be approximately \$1,500 to complete kitchen conversion. Consideration of hiring a consultant to determine needs for converting entire building of DRES. This will go to another town meeting.

Actions on Recommendations of Selectmen: on MOTION made by C. Balducci, seconded by B. Ballsieper, to approve children's librarian position increase to 20 hours weekly, an hourly increase of \$1.00 to \$16.30 for current employee, with future discussions on program and salary,

budget line 10151-51052 to be adjusted at a later date. In favor, C. Balducci, B. Ballsieper, L.Guerette and J. Wichtowski, opposed R.Marh. Motion CARRIED.

On MOTION made by B. Ballsieper, seconded by J. Wichtowski, to approve request for \$25,000 from Capital Non-Recurring Fund for proceeding with gas conversions to the library, town hall and old ambulance barn. Motion CARRIED.

Correspondence: memo concerning Food Pantry funding.

Monthly Budget Report Review: monthly report received for review.

Other Business: noted new Fire Commissioner has been hired, discussion of sewer expansion project - initial payment for sewer project won't be required until next fiscal year, pavement discussion on various streets within next few weeks.

Adjournment: on MOTION made by B. Ballsieper, seconded by R. Marh, to adjourn at 8:54PM. Motion CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted:
Lori J. Guerette, CRA COA