

TOWN OF DEEP RIVER
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday December 26, 2017

The Board of Finance convened its Regular Meeting at the Deep River Town Hall on Tuesday December 26, 2017. Meeting called to order by George Eckenroth, Chairman, at 7:31 PM. Members present: Carmela Balducci, Lori Guerette, John Wichtowski. Also present: Angus McDonald, Duane Gates.

Approval of Minutes: on MOTION made by J. Wichtowski, seconded by C. Balducci, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of November 2017. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Audience of Citizens: none

Treasurer's report: none.

Department Updates: letter received from DR Board of Fire Commissioners requesting the Finance Board to consider the replacement of a 30 year old fire vehicle, noting Town history of routine vehicle replacement every five years. Discussion of letter, what would cost of a replacement vehicle be, what is the condition of the vehicle being considered for replacement, does the Fire Commission have any funds included in its' budget for this purpose, the Town has a \$144,000 loan payment for the last purchased vehicle-the loan is anticipated to be finished next fiscal year, potential difficulty in restarting the replacement program if funds are not continued in each fiscal year budget, concern with anticipated cuts in State budget funding next year which may be approximately 4 mils, maintenance costs of the fire vehicle fleet, obligation to residents for safety, size of vehicles, and other financial obligations the Town has to consider and prioritize. All issues will need to be discussed further during regular meetings and during the budget workshops. Discussion of when the fire department responds to motor vehicle accidents, if there is a State requirement of what vehicles are needed to be owned by the Town, which vehicles respond to which type of calls, is it time for the three towns to consider regionalizing services. A.McDonald will request the Fire Commissioners to attend a regular monthly meeting for further discussion.

Recommendation of Selectmen: none

Correspondence: none

Monthly Budget Report Review: monthly report received for review, the extra duties of the building inspector are mostly completed as the Kirtland project is mostly finished. At this point February will be the next benchmark as to whether the Town will need to initiate bonding to meet financial obligations based on tax receipts and State funding levels.

Other Business: A. McDonald noted town maintenance vehicles which need either repairs or replacement, costs associated with each, life-expectancy of vehicles based on use. Repairs to be made at town transfer station will require closing of the facility for approximately 10 days in January.

Adjournment: on MOTION made by J. Wichtowski, seconded by C Balducci, to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori J. Guerette, CRA COA OCT-C
Vice-Chairman, Secretary
Board of Finance