

CIPC Minutes December 8, 2015

The meeting convened at 6pm with the following members present:

John Paresky Jack Davey Roger Sadoski Bill Cummings

The committee approved the minutes of the Dec 2 meeting.

Jack Davey asked if it was known how much free cash the town now has. The state recommends 5% of the town's budget or about \$650,000. The committee discussed the extent to which the committee should be concerned with where the money is coming from for the items it may recommend. Reading the bylaws the committee is charged with considering not just the expenditures but also their "effect on the financial position of the town". (Section 10-16) John Paresky wondered how we could do this without any information from the finance committee which Bill Cummings, the finance committee representative, said they would have to share soon.

The committee discussed in general terms the proposed sewer upgrade projects.

The committee discussed some requests from the Tilton Library which totaled less than \$25,000. John Paresky made a motion that we return the request to the Library because we were not charged by the by-laws with considering projects under \$25,000. Bill Cummings objected, stating that in the past the committee had considered all projects.

Bill Cummings went on to say that if we are not going to consider smaller requests, we need to let the finance committee and departments know.

The committee voted unanimously to return the request of the Library without recommendation because it was less than \$25,000.

The committee then took up the request of Barbara Hancock, Town Clerk to hire a vendor for records retention. She had requested \$17,000 last year which was deferred to this year, but she has now decided to use a service or vendor instead. This strategy would not require purchase of hardware. John Paresky stated that this was information only, and it would come out of her annual budget, and that the committee needed to take no action.

John also shared that Kevin Scarborough of the DPW had notified him that he intended to use some of the funds in the municipal building fund for building maintenance this year. Again this was for informational purposes only.

Continued

The committee took up the request of the Police Department to replace defibrillators in town buildings. The committee wondered why the request was coming from the police department rather than the ambulance service. The committee wondered why there was a need for these units when there are defibrillators in all police cruisers and ambulances. The committee would like to hear from Chief Paciorek about this request, although the request again is less than \$25000 at \$20,500. Once again the committee engaged in a discussion of whether to consider items under \$25,000. John stated he would discuss the \$25,000 issue with the Finance Committee and the Selectboard in next week's meeting on Wednesday Dec 16

John made a motion to rescind the vote returning the Tilton Library's request. Bill Cummings seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The committee agreed to meet again Tuesday Dec 15 at 5PM, and adjourned.