

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting brought to order at 7pm

Present: Skip, Dylan, Ralph, Tom, John, Bill

Absent: Mary

First seven items attended to were the following transfer requests:

- 1) From Reserve Fund to Finance Committee**
 - a. Related to Finance Committee expenses
 - b. Motion for \$144 passed unanimously
- 2) From Reserve Fund to Building Inspector Dept Expense**
 - a. To purchase storage container to store town records and plans
 - b. State will not allow most originals to be destroyed, and so far unable to digitize records for those which can be stored electronically
 - c. Motion for \$5,000 passed unanimously
- 3) From Selectmen's Staff Salary to Board of Health Expense**
 - a. Unexpected organizational and archiving expenses
 - b. Motion for \$2,000 passed unanimously
- 4) From Selectmen's Staff Salary to Selectmen's Expense**
 - a. Unexpected meeting, training and postage expenses
 - b. Motion for \$3,000 passed unanimously
- 5) From Reserve Fund to Contracted Services**
 - a. Excess costs associated with Mill Village environmental monitoring
 - b. Motion for \$12,000 passed unanimously
- 6) From Reserve Fund to General Insurance**
 - a. Higher realized vehicle insurance for police and highway dept
 - b. Motion for \$9,900 passed unanimously
- 7) From Police Payroll to Animal Control Expense**
 - a. Costs associated with joint radio purchase between departments
 - b. Motion for \$4,879 passed unanimously

Next came a discussion, and some votes, on the Special Town Meeting Warrant items

- 8) Article 1: Recycling company lease authorization**
 - a. Finance Committee took no action on this article

9) Article 2: Raise money from free cash to fund Snow & Ice deficit

- a. Some uncertainty as to difference between methods of accounting for Snow & Ice deficit. Town accountant recommends this article.
- b. Motion passed 4-2 in support of this article, with Skip and Dylan voting nay.

10) Article 3: SCEMS Budget

- a. Budget presented was as voted by SCEMS Oversight Board in January of 2015 - \$387,990
- b. Deerfield clerical expense not included, but as per SCEMS Agreement - must be paid regardless of it is budgeted for
- c. Finance Committee still does not feel it has information needed to approve a level funded budget with so much unspent money from the previous year
- d. Finance Committee maintains their voted budget of \$228,000

11) Article 4: Creation of revolving fund for monies collected in connection with future dispensary

- a. Motion passed unanimously

12) Article 5: asserting that budgets contingent upon final cherry sheets

- a. Motion passed unanimously

13) Article 6: Changes to zoning bylaws

- a. Finance Committee took no action on this article

14) Article 7: Authorize BOS to enter into lease for solar array at town landfill

- a. Finance Committee took no action on this article

15) Article 8: Fund \$10,455 from free cash for utility service request

- a. Related to solar array installed at Old Deerfield Wastewater plant, needed upgrade to electrical panels which connect array to grid
- b. Motion passed 5-1 with Dylan voting nay.

Only large item still in need of being addressed is SCEMS budget. Group discussed having a meeting with BOS and SCEMS oversight board to come to agreement, or at least a more clearly defined disagreement, about SCMES budget.

Meeting Adjourned