

Meeting Minutes from 6/25/18

Present: Bob Nelson, Kieran Meehan, Harold Simmons, Adria Fischer

Present but unable to vote: Eric McKenzie

Absent: Leo Tometich

Also attending: Lorraine Leonard, Police Chief James Dow

#### Approval of Minutes

Minutes from May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved, unanimous.

#### Reserve Fund Transfers

A few transfers will be applied as interfund transfers which will require Advisory Board and Board of Selectmen approvals, so the decision was made to finalize those FY18 transfers until July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Board of Health transfer request for \$3,200 for rubbish removal was approved, unanimous.

#### Police Chief – Staffing Concerns

Police Chief Dow presented his current situation which leaves the police department short three full time officers. The staffing shortage is a result of various unforeseen circumstances. Chief Dow is addressing the shortage by using part time officers and overtime, but this solution won't be sustainable if the staffing shortage continues into the fall. One officer is expected back in September.

We discussed a few scenarios. One included hiring a full-time officer would be hired but it may mean unemployment if one of the officers currently on leave returns to duty. Another was hiring a part-time officer. The discussion concluded with a request for Chief Dow to come to the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting with budgets for the various scenarios proposed.

#### GDRSD Building Committee Representative

The Advisory Board needs to vote for one member to serve as a representative on the Building Committee for the Florence Roche school. Eric McKenzie and Adria Fischer both expressed interest in serving as that representative. The decision was made to delay the vote for selecting a GDRSD Building Committee representative until the entire board was present.

#### FY19 Budget Preparation

The Advisory Board overwhelmingly agrees that the committee should be more involved in the budget process. We will continue discussing the process for conducting more thorough reviews of all department budgets.