

Essex Finance Committee
February 3, 2014
7:15 pm
Essex Elementary School

Members Present: Ken Riehl, Richard Ross and Jeff Soulard

1. Transfers

See attached transfers approved by unanimous vote

The Committee also approved an additional \$30,000 for FY14 Snow and Ice Removal (under MGL Chapter 44 Section 31D)

2. Approve Minutes

None

3. FY14 Budget Update

The Committee discussed YTD revenues and expenses with the Town Accountant. At this point, all budget items seem to be in line.

4. FY15 Budget Discussion

The FY15 Budget requests have been received and the draft budget exceeds the Proposition 2 ½ Levy Limit by roughly \$495,000.

It is expected that the Town share of the school budget will be reduce roughly \$250,000 which would cut the excess amount in half. Over the next four to six weeks, the Committee will work with various departments to reduce the budget to comply with the Proposition 2 ½ Levy Limit.

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

None

7. Public Comment

None

REQUEST FOR A LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Requests are to be made and transfer voted BEFORE any expenditure is incurred.
Please submit only one copy.

To: Finance Committee – Town of Essex

1. Amount Requested: **\$40.00** 1100.2.295.5596.00

Title: **Uniforms**

2. To be transferred to Account: 1100.2.295.5700.00

Title: **Incidental Expenses**

3. The specific purpose the amount requested will be used for:

Pay North Shore Harbormaster dues.

4. This expenditure is extraordinary and/or unforeseen for the following reasons:

Unexpected repair to outboard motor depleted boat repair line item. Therefore, the cost of boat shrink wrapping had to be taken from the incidental expenses line.

Date: **1/16/14**

Signed: 

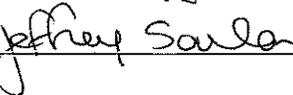
Date of meeting **2 / 3 / 14**

Vote: Yes No

Transfer voted in the sum of **\$40.00**

Transfer disapproved _____

FINANCE COMMITTEE



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January 16, 2014

Board of Selectmen
Essex Town Hall
30 Martin Street
Essex, MA 01929

Dear Board of Selectmen;

I am requesting an additional \$30,000 for snow removal to hopefully provide enough funding for the remainder of the winter. To date our overtime line item has a negative balance and once all invoices are received for plowing our contractor's line item will be around zero. Expenses such as repairs, salt, sand, plow blades, etc. have been significant so far this season. Although currently mild, the winter is still only half over with eighty percent plus of our budget depleted. Thank you in advance for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Goodwin
DPW Superintendent

cc: Finance Committee

MGL Ch 44 S 31D
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BOS approved
Jan 21, 2014

Section 31D. Any city or town may incur liability and make expenditures in any fiscal year in excess of available appropriations for snow and ice removal, provided that such expenditures are approved by the town manager and the finance or advisory committee in a town having a town manager, by the selectmen and the finance or advisory committee in any other town, by the city manager and the city council in a city having a city manager or by the mayor and city council in any other city; provided, however, that the appropriation for such purposes in said fiscal year equaled or exceeded the appropriation for said purposes in the prior fiscal year. Expenditures made under authority of this section shall be certified to the board of assessors and included in the next annual tax rate.

Every city or town shall annually, not later than September fifteenth, report to the division of local services of the department of revenue the total amounts appropriated and expended, including any funding or reimbursements received from the commonwealth, for snow and ice removal in the fiscal year ending on the preceding June thirtieth.