



Minutes of the Meeting for < APR 12th, 2012 > at the BPW Building, Arsene St., Fairhaven, MA

Members in attendance: Chairman- John Roderiques, Pat Elliott, Kim Hyland, Therese Szala, Kathi Carter, Scott Fernandes, Ron Quintin, Lisa Plante and Ted Silva. Not present- Sid Martin, Jennifer Bishop. This meeting was televised.

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Roderiques at 7:03 P.M. and announced that the proceeding was being video/audio taped by government access.

Minutes from prior meeting of 4/5/12 were reviewed. Motion to accept by Kim/ Ron unanimous (8-0- Scott in later)

Vin Furtado, Supt BPW in to discuss issues-

Art. 7 Special TM \$3000000 for digester. Explanation included a new engineer on site. Given change orders close to \$300000. Chair asked if taking steps to protect town. Ans YES- hired independent review anticipate getting money back. Specifics include electrical, ledge and other issues. Chairman reminded all that initial cost is a loan now but will become a grant if project is completed to satisfaction of the state.

Motion for \$300000 from sewer retained earnings by Terry/Ron unan 8-0

Mr. Furtado noted highway may sign contract on Tuesday.

Chairman explained that Art. 1 sec 4 e3 Equipment is the street sweeper removed from annual and put in special.

Chair noted reserve fund must be used to balance budget. Request for \$25000 for health insurance currently is spec TM

Art 1 sec 6. Chair suggested doing reserve fund transfer instead. Motion for reserve fund transfer for \$25000 for group insurance - Kim/Terry unanimous

Chairman noted may need additional \$12200 for town clerk budget partially because of special election, special town meeting and Mass statue updates.

Chair advised House Ways & Means released budget and more money should be coming. Roughly \$200000 proposed. Chairman was clear not to expect that amount. Also that state often takes funds from other areas. Chairman estimated town could receive additional \$125,000 to 175,000 and suggested possible uses for unemployment insurance, stabilization fund and street lights.

Remaining Special Town Meeting Articles-

Chair noted that Art.1 sec 5 of Special TM requested funds for Veterans services. Suggested that some of these requests should come from the reserve fund.

Chair suggested motion for reserve fund transfer of \$20,000 to partially cover veteran's request of \$28000 in Art 1 sec 5d- Vet benefits. Motion for transfer Terry/Kim vote unanimous with Ron abstaining. Chair suggested motion for \$20,000 as reserve fund transfer to partially cover \$31,000 request for Art.1 sec 5b- purchase of services. Motion for reserve transfer of 20000 by Terry/Kim vote unanimous 7-0 Ron abstained.

Vote then taken on Art.1 sec 5 b & d to fund remaining amounts.

5b.-Pur Services \$11,000 Terry/Kim unan Ron abstained

5d.- Other charges \$8,000 Terry/Kim 7-0 Ron abstained

Art. 1 sec 1 Treasurer a. Sal & Wage \$1524 motion to recommend (trans from short term int) Kim/Ron unan 8-0

Art 1 sec 2- Tax title \$10000-recommend (trans from int on temp debt) Kim/Ron unan

Art1 sec 3- Legal expenses- \$35000 -recommend 16906 avail rev Terry/Ron unan

Art.1 sec 4- Highway e3. Equip \$121,000 (street sweeper) from avail revenue- Terry/Ron unan

Art 2 Labor contracts (Scott in 8:15)

Sec 2 a- Sewer dept- Motion to Rec @ TM Terry/Ron unan 9-0

Sec 3 a- Water dept- Motion to Rec @ TM Terry/Ron unan 9-0

Art. 3 Labor Contracts

Sec 1-Clerical- \$6520.00 Vote to recommend Kim/Lisa unan 8-0 Scott abst

Sec 2. Highway and Park

a. Sal & Wages Highway - recom at T.M. Scott/Ron unan

a. (should be b?) Park Dept - recom at T.M. Scott/Ron unan

3. Sewer dept - a. Sal & wages - recom at T.M. Scott/Ron unan

4. Water dept a. Sal & wages- recom at T.M. Scott/Ron unan

Art 4- Water budget - \$33,000 from retained earnings Terry/Scott unan

Art. 5 Cushman Park easement- YTP Terry/Scott unan

Art. 6- Amb stabilization- rec I.P. Terry/Scott unan

Art. 8- wind turbines- YTP Terry/Lisa unan

Art. 9- Drain easement- YTP Scott/Terry unan

Art. 10- Alcohol Lic- YTP Lisa/Terry unan

Art. 11- Stab Sew bet Boulder pk- \$27809 (from fund balance) Terry/Lisa unan

Art. 12- Stab Sew bet S'neck- \$1,751,941 (from fund balance) Terry/Lisa unan (ted abstained)

Art. 13- Stab Sew bet Nancy St.- \$206246 (from fund balance) Terry/Lisa unan (John abstained)

Art. 14- Stab Sew bet West Island- \$128754 (from fund balance) Terry/Lisa unan (Kim abstained)

Chair passed out town counsel opinion on easements.

Recess 8:52 - 8:58

Chairman noted that town meeting will be long. After which FinCom will have four vacancies, 1 each in prec 6, prec 2, prec 1 and prec 4.

Adjourned 9:10 Kim/ Scott unan

Submitted-

Ted Silva secretary