

Town of Fairhaven



Finance Committee

Minutes of the Meeting for < May 3rd 2012 > at the BPW Building, Arsene St., Fairhaven, MA

Members in attendance: Chairman- John Roderiques, Pat Elliott, Therese Szala, Kathi Carter, Scott Fernandes, Ron Quintin, Sid Martin, Lisa Plante, Kevin Costa, Dawn Devlin, Colin Veitch and Ted Silva. Not present - , Kim Hyland, (Scott in 8:00 pm) This meeting was televised.

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Roderiques at 7:00 P.M. and announced that the proceeding was being video/audio taped by government access.

Chairman welcomed new members Kevin Costa and Dawn Devlin.

Minutes for prior meeting 4/26/12 were reviewed. Motion to accept by Sid/Terry. Vote was unanimous minus two abstentions (Kevin & Dawn)

Two transfer requests were presented from Shellfish Warden Tim Cox related to mechanical problems with a boat motor. One request was for \$7201.58 to replace the current motor. Second request was for \$1659.62 to repair current motor. Considerable discussion on the merits of each choice and reasons why action had to be taken. Two motions present, first to deny both requests made by Terry, not seconded. Motion to approve \$1659.62 to repair Suzuki outboard by Ted/Ron carried 9-1 (Terry opposed) Motion to deny other request of \$7201.58 for new engine by Sid/Ron vote unanimous.

BPW Superintendant Vin Furtado was present to explain recently signed highway contract.

Special T.M. votes taken:

Motion to recommend Art. 3 s 2a- \$7415.00 for highway and park dept contract made by Sid/Ron. Vote unanimous 9-0 with Dawn abstaining

Chair passed out sewer and water contracts. Mr. Furtado explained issues. No vote taken. Regarding street sweeper Mr. Furtado opined that there would be three communities involved. Scott in 8:00 pm

Chair noted will vote on contracts Saturday. (Prior to TM)

Veterans – amount listed in special is still needed. Amount of previous transfer of \$40000 is reduced to \$29000. A motion that the two votes taken on 4/12/12 each transferring \$20,000 (\$40,000total) to veterans be rescinded and motion to transfer \$28,000 to veterans other charges account and \$1000 to purchase of services account made by Terry/Lisa vote unanimous with Ron abstaining. This amounts to \$11,000 being returned to the reserve account...(thank-you very much!)

Chairman noted plan to have meetings on June 14th or 21st and 28th.

Board of Appeals submitted transfer request for \$200 for advertising. Motion to approve by Scott/Sid voted unanimous.

Mr. Osuch noted that selectmen agree with FinCom on tree warden budget. Other differences remaining- tourism, stabilization, employment security. Discussion.

Recess 8:27 pm to 8:35 pm

Chair reviewed basic information about workings of FinCom. Discussed open meeting law. Next meeting Saturday May 5th at 8:15 a.m.

Motion to adjourn at 9:06 pm by John himself, (apparently because Kim wasn't present) seconded by Lisa - vote unanimous.

Submitted by Ted Silva..... Secretary