

Town of Fairhaven

Finance Committee

Minutes of the meeting for <July 14, 2015> at the BPW Administration Building, 5 Arsene St., Fairhaven, MA

Members in attendance:

Chairman-Scott Fernandes, Robert A. Furtado, Kathi Carter, Lisa Plante, John Mota, Thomas Alden

Members absent:

Padraic Elliott
Ann Ponichtera DesNardis
Tracey A. Diggins

Meeting was covered by government access television.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Announced that the meeting was being recorded by government access TV. Chairman has to be notified if anyone else present is recording the meeting by video or audio.

Motion made by Lisa to accept the minutes from June 25, 2015. Seconded by Tom. Vote: Unanimous

- Chairman presents a Reserve Fund Transfer request from the Building Commissioner, in the amount of \$ 3,350. Reason given for the transfer is "Due to more inspections than expected".
 - Chairman points out that neither Mr. Osuch or Selectman Haworth were at our meeting. Chairman states he had requested Selectman Haworth be here to explain the reason for the overage.
 - Chairman states he was told the money is needed to cover sick time, bonus time, buy backs and payroll for the final week of FY15.

- Chairman states if this is not approved the money would come from next year's Free Cash off the Tax Recap Sheet.
- Lisa asks if this was unforeseen?
 - Chairman states it was not due diligence on the part of the department head, but he was out of the office during the payroll period.
- Committee would like to have input from someone who knows the particulars of the situation, but no one is present.
- Committee however feels this should be paid with FY15 money.

7:12 PM. Chairman calls recess to check phone call. Back in session 7:13 PM.

- Committee not happy there is no back-up documentation.
 - Committee feels it is better for the tax payers if this comes from FY15 money.
 - John motions to transfer \$3,350 to Building Dept. Salary & Wages Acct #001-241-00-5111-00-0058. Seconded by Bob.
 - Discussion of dissatisfaction with departments not staying within budgets and not being able to stop it.
 - Discussion of meeting with Selectmen about holding budgets to their amount.
 - Vote on the motion: Unanimous
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- Chairman states we should expect to meet the last week of August.
 - Chairman will email numbers from the DOR.
 - Chairman thanks members and government access camera operator for attending meeting.

7:25 PM. Lisa motions to adjourn. Seconded by Tom. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert A. Furtado
 Finance Committee Secretary
 (accepted 12-17-2015)