



Town of Holland, MA – Finance Board

Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2015

Call To Order

The Chairman called to order a meeting of the Holland Finance Board at 7:30 PM on February 18, 2015 at the Holland Town Hall.

Roll Call

Finance Board members present: Andrew Harhay (Chairman), Ernest Fancy, John Phelps and John Ebersold, who participated by phone due to working in Albany, NY; Michael Kennedy attended for the Select Board. Chief Paul Foster and Lt. Joseph Beaudry attended to present the Fire Department budget proposal.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 11, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

New Business

Review of Fire Department Budget Request for FY16: The Fire Department Budget Request for FY16 is level funded except for wage increases. They will defer the replacement of Car 1 to fiscal year 2017. They will be requesting replacing Tanker 1 through a State bid list purchase of \$340,000; the list price was established in 2014, but

the pricing is good through 2016. The vehicle is a 3,000 gallon tanker manufactured by KME (Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp.) on a Freightliner body with a 5 year warrantee.

Open Issues:

FY16 Budget: John Phelps prepared a ‘second cut’ of the FY16 preliminary budget. It was reviewed with those present, recognizing that a number of key budget figures are not yet available and that potential additions/reductions have not been incorporated.

Action Items Being Carried:

- The Fire Chief will provide the Finance Board with a one page summary of the quote on the new fire truck; the purchase will likely be pursued through a debt exclusion article at the ATM.
- The Police Chief had indicated at an earlier meeting that he would get pricing on the two Taser units he has requested. Depending on these costs, the purchase and the mandatory training can possibly come from the current budget; if the Police doesn’t allow for purchase in FY15, then it will be requested for FY16.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 7:30 P.M. on February 25, with the key item being a review of the Highway Department budget request.

Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9: 30 P.M

Minutes submitted by: Ernie Fancy, Vice Chairman.