

Finance committee meeting minutes

03/15/2011

Start time 7PM

Members in attendance

John Parent

Justin Provencher, David Provencher

Barbara Rose

Robert Clark, Manuel Chaves

Michael Downey, Steven Domenicucci

Also in attendance Paul Blazar, Ralph Warner, speaking against article 23, and Lee Murphy speaking in favor of article 23.

The following reserve transfer request was voted on:

\$3000 requested by Brian Stearns for Veterans benefit obligations thru 04/30/2011

Vote 8-0 to approve.

The following budget line items were voted on:

Dept 2200 Fire dept:

Line 0247 R&M equipment from \$76,210 to \$50,000 (-\$26,210) vote to recommend 8-0

Line 0265 R&M building from \$13,000 to \$23,600 (+\$10,000) vote to recommend 8-0

Dept 9110 Retirement/Pensions

Line 2024 Contributory retirement from \$3,582,689 to \$3,549,419 (-\$33,270)

Vote to recommend 8-0

The following budget was voted on:

Ft Meadow Commission: there is no recommendation on this budget as the vote was 5 to recommend and 3 to not recommend. As there were more than 2 votes against the majority a “no recommendation “is required.

The following capital items were voted on:

DPW Roadway reconstruction: \$200,000, available funds, vote 7-1 to recommend

Sidewalk tractor \$121,000 ,available funds, vote 8-0 to recommend

Street Sweeper \$156,504 ,available funds, vote 8-0 to recommend

Fire Station 1 roof repair \$127,000, available funds, vote 8-0 to recommend

Police: Police cruisers (3) \$108,000 ,available funds, vote to recommend 8-0

Feasibility Study: \$25,000, available funds, vote to recommend 8-0

Recreation 15 Passenger Van \$25,000 ,available funds, vote to recommend 8-0

Centennial beach driveway & drainage repair, available funds, vote to recommend 8-0

Planning community development... Master Plan \$100,000 ,available funds ,vote to recommend 8-0

School Dept: Hudson High School A/C \$111,257 ,available funds, vote to recommend 8-0

The finance committee recommends the subject matter of this article and that the sum of \$1,037,836 be taken from available funds.

The following Warrant Articles were voted on:

Article 3: New Public Works Headquarters: The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the sum of \$2,257,000 be borrowed.

Article 4: Reserve fund: The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

Article 5: Supplemental Appropriation-community development: The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the sum of \$17,909 be taken from available funds.

Article 6: Supplemental Appropriation-Veteran's Services expense: The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the sum of \$20,000 be taken from available funds.

Article 7: Youth Sports: The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the sum of \$4500 be raised and appropriated.

Article 8: Cable television receipts: The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

Article 9: Community Preservation Reservation of Funds The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

Article 10: Community Preservation Appropriations: The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

Article 11: Joint Dispatch Offset receipts: The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

Article 12: Revolving Fund Article: The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

Article 13: Revolving fund-Senior Center: The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

Article 14: Revolving Fund Board of Health: The finance committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

Article 15: Downtown Parking and Traffic Infrastructure Study. The finance committee does not recommend the adoption of the subject matter of this article. Vote to not recommend 5-2-1

Article 16: Amend Houghton Street Bridge right of way: The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

Article 17: Transfer a portion of the former MBTA ROW. The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

Article 18: Light and Power Surplus Account: The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

Article 19: Annual Town Reports: The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

Article 20: Borrowing in anticipation of Revenue: The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

Article 21: School Department Transportation Contract: The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

Article 22: Petitioned Article: Addictions Referral Center: The finance committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the sum of \$5000 be raised and appropriated.

Article 23: Petitioned Article: Amend General By-laws Anti Blight & Nuisance: The finance committee does not recommend the adoption of this article. Vote to not recommend 6-1-1