

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Minutes

Date: January 22, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Kupcinkas, Noonan, Cofske, Khalife, O'Connell, Kuphal

Absent: Kennedy

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded by O'Connell to accept the minutes of January 9, 2018 as written. Unanimous.

David Marciello, Town Manager, was in to discuss budgets at 7:00 p.m.

David Marciello: I put in a 7% increase in the Health Insurance. We have a 2-year contract and I feel this will be sufficient. There should be a 2.5% increase in Chapter 70 and a 3% increase in Local Aid.

Jen O'Connell: Asa Waters Mansion will be at our next meeting. He asked for more time to gather the additional information that I requested. The School Committee is meeting this week to go over their budget. I will be going to the meeting. I am not feeling good about their 5.2% increase. I don't know how everyone else feels about it.

Jen O'Connell: I was thinking back to our last meeting with Judy O'Connor. The Council on Aging services so many more people in town for a fraction of the cost. I think the School Department should think about charging fees.

David Marciello: The School Department takes up 72-73% of the total budget. If I were to give them what they want, then our roads will never get done.

David Cofske: It is time to tell people that they need to tighten their belts on their budgets.

David Marciello: I wanted to let you know that the laws concerning marijuana have changed. Effective in April, any medical marijuana facility can request a recreational license and be granted it. I have already spoken to our only facility and have made an agreement that the Town of Millbury will receive 3% of the medical marijuana money, 3% of the recreational marijuana money and a 3% impact fee. This will bring more money into the Town. We also need to be aware of the storm water laws. We need to upgrade our infrastructure. We need money to do that. I am working on different ways to do this. I plan to start the School Department at a 1% increase. I plan to share any savings that I can make.

The Committee was in agreement that a 5.2% increase for the School Department was more than what the Committee was comfortable with.

Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded by Khalife to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Unanimous.

*Jen O'Connell*     *David Marciello*     *Stephen Noonan*  
*Robert P. Kupcinkas*     *Anthony Khalife*     *David Cofske*