

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes

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MILFORD, MASS.

Date: February 23, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: O'Connor, Kupcinkas, Girard, Bartosiewicz

Absent: Hebert, O'Connell

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded by Bartosiewicz to accept the minutes of September 15, 2014 as written. Unanimous.

Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded by Bartosiewicz to accept the minutes of October 7, 2014 as written. Unanimous.

Michael O'Connor: The main reason we are here tonight is to declare an emergency with the Snow and Ice Budget.

Bob Spain: Up until January 24, 2015, I thought we would be able to make it through this fiscal year with what we budgeted. We all know what happened next.

Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded by Bartosiewicz to be advised that in conformity with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 31D, the Finance Committee approves expenditures in excess on the appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2015, Snow and Ice Account as allowed under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 31D. Unanimous.

Michael O'Connor: I have drafted a Finance Committee budget for the next fiscal year. I did increase the General Expenses to \$300 in case we have any additional Town Meetings during the year. We need to advertise public hearings from this account in addition to our dues each year. I left the Salary account at \$900. Even with the pay raise, we should have plenty in that account to pay for Sandie.

Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded by Bartosiewicz to recommend the Finance Committee Budget as follows: Salaries and Wages (all) \$900, General Expenses \$300 for a total of \$1,200. Unanimous.

Michael O'Connor handed out our hearings schedule for the March 7 meeting.

Michael O'Connor: The School Department is having their public hearing on Wednesday night. They are looking for a 5% increase over last year. This does not include the cost of health insurance, which will be going up. It also does not include pensions, which will also be going up. The Town Manager will probably have them cut something from their budget.

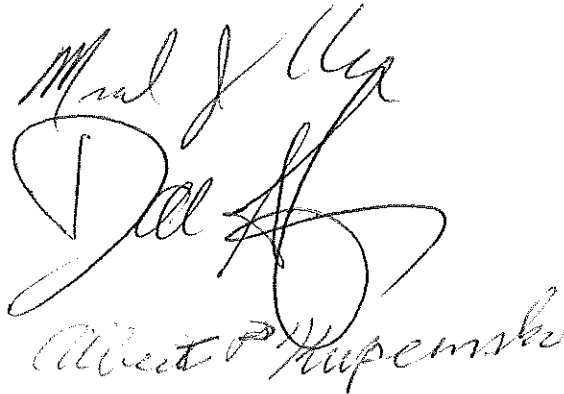
Bob Spain: I will be looking for \$330,000 from them.

Michael O'Connor: We have no foundation budget yet from the State for FY2016.

Michael O'Connor: Our public hearing is scheduled for March 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Michael O'Connor: Back in September, I asked what information we would need from the School Department and the Town Manager about the budget. Jen had given me a long list. I will be sending out a letter to Bob Spain by the end of the week, including the items Jen asked about.

Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded by Bartosiewicz to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Unanimous.



Michael J. O'Connor
Albert Kupcinkas