

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes

Date: April 30, 2014

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: O'Connor, Girard, Hebert, O'Connell, Bartosiewicz, Kupcinkas

Absent: None

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

Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded by Hebert to accept the minutes of April 8, 2014 as written.
Unanimous.

Tom Fox, Town Moderator, and Brian Turbitt, Finance Director were in to discuss the FY2015 Warrant and Budget.

Michael O'Connor: The only ballot question that passed was for the Fire Department SCBA. All others were defeated.

Tom Fox: Would you be indefinitely postponing Article 13, due to the ballot question being defeated?

Brian Turbitt: If you vote to indefinitely postpone, it would not be defeating the article. It becomes a support for the article. You would need to defeat the article.

Tom Fox: Doesn't this have to pass both the Town Meeting and the Ballot?

Michael O'Connor: It has language in the article that states it would be a debt exclusion.

Brian Turbitt: If you left your recommendation as it is, it will not pass Town Meeting. Bob and I have discussed this and he said that according to the Blackstone Valley by-law, an indefinite postponement would essentially be a yes vote on borrowing the money.

Michael O'Connor: If we vote to indefinitely postpone, it would essentially say that we still support the article.

Brian Turbitt: Then we would have to fight that vote down.

Article 13-Blackstone Valley Tech

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to rescind the previous vote on this article. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that Article 13 be indefinitely postponed.
Unanimous.

Tom Fox: Article 15 rescinds the borrowing. Did we not get the books?

Brian Turbitt: The DOR said that they will not approve the borrowing for books. They have been purchased. There is an article later in the Warrant to give me the difference needed to clear this up.

Tom Fox: How did we end up with an extra \$123,000 in the Health Insurance?

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Brian Turbitt: There were some untimely deaths and people dropped the insurance.

Article 24-Sewer Project

Brian Turbitt: There were certain portions of the project that had to come out of Retained Earnings. This could not be under the Upper Blackstone Trust. The cost of the project came in significantly under the original amount. The money was taken from the Sewer Retained Earnings.

Article 25-HVAC-MOB

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to rescind the previous vote on this article. Unanimous.
Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that Article 25 be indefinitely postponed. Unanimous.

Article 27-DPW Fuel Tanks

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to rescind the previous vote on this article. Unanimous.
Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that Article 27 be indefinitely postponed. Unanimous.

Article 28-Transfer Station Upgrade

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to rescind the previous vote on this article. Unanimous.
Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that Article 28 be indefinitely postponed. Unanimous.

Tom Fox: Who was the petitioner on Article 45?

Brian Turbitt: That was Stuart Mulhane.

Michael O'Connor: I believe that he will be there to talk about this article, if there are any questions.

Article 46-Ramshorn Dam

Michael O'Connor: Authorization was given last year. Initial funds have already been borrowed.

Article 48-Brierly Pond Dam

Michael O'Connor: There are problems with this article. There are some concerns about comments from last year by the Town Manager.

Motioned by Girard, seconded by O'Connell to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Unanimous.

