

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes

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Date: March 30, 2015

MEETING Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded by O'Connell to accept the minutes of March 7, 2015 as written.
Unanimous.

Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded by O'Connell to accept the minutes of March 16, 2015 as written.
Unanimous.

Michael O'Connor: May 19th is Student Government Day. Someone on the Finance Committee usually takes a couple of students and discusses what the Finance Committee does. I would like to have someone help me with this.

Jennifer O'Connell: I can help out.

Albert Kupcinkas: I am starting a write-in campaign for Tom Fox for Moderator. ^{I was told} ~~He told me~~ that if he gets the write-in, he will moderate the meeting.

Michael O'Connor: I am sending Bob an e-mail concerning video recordings of the Finance Committee meetings. Last week, I called Fran King about meeting to discuss this subject. I met with him and agreed to jointly ask the Attorney General's office for their opinion. Bob and I spoke to the Attorney General's office this afternoon. They said that they would research it and get back to us. Anyone can come to our meeting and record it. I feel that using Town owned assets takes away our rights of individuality. I told Fran King my reasoning for not wanting the meetings recorded.

Michael O'Connor: I don't want to have us vote on the Public Safety Complex tonight. The lawyers are still looking at the Warrant. I asked Katie to look at our current debt system. She came up with our total debt of \$24,600,000. If we add \$20Million to our debt, how would that impact our tax rate? Katie figured that based on 7% interest, it would add \$1.10 per thousand to our tax rate, which would add about \$255 for an average house in the first year. I figured it out at 5% and it came to \$0.98 per thousand or \$229 per average households. I feel comfortable telling the Townspeople that the Town can afford the debt. It will be their decision if they can afford the increase in their tax bills.

The land is assessed at \$357,000, but it still needs to be appraised. When we come up with number at Town Meeting, we have to have some support for the amount. Bob will give us the amount before Town Meeting. The ballot question will not have a dollar amount attached to it.

Motioned by O'Connell, seconded by Kupcinkas to as the Town Manager for supporting documentation on the land taking article for the Public Safety Building. Unanimous.

WARRANT ARTICLE RECOMMENDATIONS

Michael O'Connor: There are 36 warrant articles. Bob says he will probably have one more. We can vote on some of the articles tonight and clean up on the 13th of April. I will be sending each of you copies of the last three years warrant recommendations. Some articles need to have specific language in the motions.

Article 5-Medicaid Reimbursement

Michael O'Connor: This should be part of the School budget. It shouldn't be a warrant article, but it has been done this way for years.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that \$96,036.00 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of Article 5. Unanimous.

Article 6.1-Chapter 90

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that \$125,000 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of Article 6.1. Unanimous.

Article 6.2-HVAC-MOB

Daniel Girard: The Town voted not to give the money for this last year. Why is it back on the Warrant?

Michael O'Connor: The Town voted not to authorize debt outside of prop 2-1/2. This will be paid out of Free Cash. It will not be funded by a debt-exclusion. It will not go on the ballot.

Daniel Girard: Is it appropriate to vote yes on this if the Town didn't okay it last year?

Michael O'Connor: They voted down a debt exclusion. This is not a debt exclusion.

Jennifer O'Connell: If the Town Hall will be renovated, will this HVAC system be adequate? Does he have a quote?

Michael O'Connor: I will ask Bob.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that \$125,000 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of Article 6.2. Unanimous.

Article 6.3-Fuel Tanks at DPW

Michael O'Connor: There have been no formal numbers given. We received information from Rob McNeil, which we can all look over and discuss next week.

Article 7-Free Cash

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to transfer the sum of One Million Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Six Dollars and no cents (%1,016,506.00) from available certified free cash for the purposes of Article 7. Unanimous.

Article 8-Personal Property

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that \$500.00 be transferred from Account Number 02.945.5200.02062.2013.560 for the purposes of Article 8. Unanimous.

Article 9-Disposal of Abandoned Property

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that \$5,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of Article 9. Unanimous.

Article 10-Elder Services

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that \$20,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of Article 10. Unanimous.

Article 11-Sewer Stabilization Fund

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend the sum of \$50,000.00 be appropriated from the Retained Earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund to the Sewer Stabilization Fund for the purposes of Article 11. Unanimous.

Article 12-Rescue Truck

Michael O'Connor: This is for accounting purposes only.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend the sum of \$143,820.00 be transferred from account #01.710.5910.00000.0000.571 Retirement of Debt Account for the purposes of Article 12. Unanimous.

Article 13-Ariel Scope

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend the sum of \$214,000.00 be transferred from account #01.710.5910.00000.0000.571 Retirement of Debt Account for the purposes of Article 13. Unanimous.

Article 14-Initial payments for the Fire Department Rescue Squad

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend the sum of \$1,180.00 be appropriated from Certified Free Cash for the purposes of Article 14. Unanimous.

Article 15-Revolving Funds

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that Article 15 be accepted as written. Unanimous.

Article 16-Transfer between Accounts

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskaskas to recommend the amounts for the specific accounts listed in the Transfer From lines be transferred for the purposes of Article 16. Unanimous.

Article 18-Transfer between accounts

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskaskas to recommend the sum of \$13,000.00 be transferred from Public Works-Salaries and Wages account for the purposes of Article 18. Unanimous.

Article 19-Fingerprint Scanner

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskaskas to recommend the sum of \$24,000.00 be transferred from Police Salaries and Wages account for the purposes of Article 19. Unanimous.

Article 20-Town Hall General Expenses

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskaskas to recommend the sum of \$22,000.00 be transferred from Police Salaries and Wages account for the purposes of Article 20. Unanimous.

Article 22-Zoning Bylaws-Article 1. Administration and Procedure

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskaskas to recommend Article 22 be deferred to the Planning Board for the recommendation. Unanimous.

Article 23-Zoning Bylaws-Article 1-Administration and Procedure

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskaskas to recommend Article 23 be deferred to the Planning Board for the recommendation. Unanimous.

Article 24-Zoning Bylaws-Article 1-Administration and Procedure

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskaskas to recommend Article 24 be deferred to the Planning Board for the recommendation. Unanimous.

Article 25-Zoning Bylaws-Article 1-Administration and Procedure

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskaskas to recommend Article 25 be deferred to the Planning Board for the recommendation. Unanimous.

Article 26-Re-zoning to Industrial II

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskaskas to recommend Article 26 be deferred to the Planning Board for the recommendation. Unanimous.

Article 27-Rezoning-Business II

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskaskas to recommend Article 27 be deferred to the Planning Board for the recommendation. Unanimous

Article 28-McGrath Road Extension-Road Acceptance

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskaskas to recommend Article 28 be deferred to the Planning Board for the recommendation. Unanimous.

Article 29-Prior Year Bill Highway Department

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskaskas to recommend the sum of \$2000.48 be transferred from FY15 Highway General Expenses account for the purposes of Article 29. Unanimous.

Article 31-Ramshorn Pond Dam

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskaskas to recommend that Article 31 be accepted as written. Unanimous.

Article 32-Ramshorn Pond

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskaskas to recommend that Article 32 be accepted as written. Unanimous.

Article 33-Aggregate Electrical

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskaskas to recommend that Article 33 be accepted as written. Unanimous.

Article 36-Glass-Steagall

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskaskas to recommend that Article 36 be indefinitely postponed. Unanimous.

Michael O'Connor: Next week we will run through the budgets.

Motioned by Girard, seconded by O'Connell to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Unanimous.

Michael O'Connor
Albert P. Kupcinskaskas
James O'Connell