

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes

Date: November 17, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Kupcinkas, O'Connell, Hebert, Cofske, Khalife

Absent: Kennedy, Noonan

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

Motioned by Hebert, second by Cofske to accept the minutes of September 15, 2015 as written.
Unanimous.

Update on televised meetings:

Jen O'Connell: I met with Bob. He said that we will not have our meetings televised. I am waiting for a copy of the letter from the Attorney General concerning this.

Jen O'Connell: I thought we would have some transfers tonight. I spoke to Katie this evening and she said that there aren't any. I also asked Bob for an updated 5-year plan. He said that they are working on it.

2017 Budget

Jen O'Connell: I received an e-mail from Greg Myers with the School Department timeline. I integrated their dates with ours.

Jen O'Connell to meet with Greg Myers and Bob Spain in December.

Jen O'Connell: Bob has no control over the School budget. We get a bottom line figure. If he needs to go back to them for a decrease, he gives them the dollar amount. They need to start justifying the increases.

David Cofske: You asked at the last meeting for us to look at items that we wanted to discuss. I looked at some of the budget and saw some high increases in supplies in many departments.

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Jen O'Connell: I told Bob that we would request the information at a Board of Selectmen's meeting, in case they have some of the same questions that we have. The detail that we get on the Salary accounts is fine. We need more detail on the other line items. It would be nice to have an organizational chart on the Town. We should also get copies of the quotes that are high priced items.

Tony Khalife: Can we add a column in the budget for % of change?

Jen O'Connell: I can ask Katie to add that. I want to ask for a revenue analysis. I asked for it before and was not given it. It is one of the things that I will ask at the Board of Selectmen's meeting. I am looking for revenue on the Transfer Station and the Asa Waters Mansion. Not that we want to do away with either budget, but if we get to a point where the Town will need an override, we need to look at revenues. Also, we never see any backup information on the Health Insurance. All we hear is that there is an increase. We need to know why we have the plan that we have.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinskis to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Unanimous.

Albert P. Kupcinskis
Stephen Noonan
David G. Hebert
Anthony Khalife
Jen O'Connell