

Finance Committee Meeting

September 28, 2016 7:30 PM EST
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229
900 Main Street
Millis, MA 02054

In Attendance:

Finance Committee Members:

Peter Jurmain, Chair
Craig Schultze, Clerk
Peter Berube
Jodie Garzon
Rich Molloy
Doug Riley

Jennifer Smith McCarthy – Assistant

Invited Guests:

Suzanne Kennedy – Interim Town Administrator
Jim McKay – DPW
Paula Dumont – Assessors

Call to Order:

Peter Jurmain called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM

Land Swap Update:

Craig Schultze discussed the Land Swap Article in which approximately six acres of park land will be transferred to the Schools for use in the Clyde Brown renovation. The Town will swap land of equal value, approximately twelve acres, to park land.

Police/Fire Station Update:

Pete Jurmain stated the new police station is now open and occupied. The fire station is currently being gutted and Chief Barrett can be found in the trailer located in front of the fire station.

Article Discussions:

Article #9 – Assessors – Change Minimum/Maximum Income Amount Ch. 41C

Town Assessor Paula Dumont discussed Article #9 which would authorize the Board of Assessors to change the minimum and maximum amount qualifications for Chapter 41C elderly senior citizens on both Single and Married couples. Single maximum income would change from \$13,000 to \$17,000 and assets from \$28,000 to \$40,000. Married maximum income would change from \$15,000 to \$20,000 and assets from \$30,000 to \$55,000.

Article #10 – Assessors – Adopt 41D

Town Assessor Paula Dumont discussed Article #10 which would authorize the Board of Assessors to adopt the 41D Clause which would increase the annually amount from the Consumer Price Index. COLA (Cost of Living Adjustments) for income requirements. The Finance Committee felt this article should be reworded, specifying which CPI would be used.

Article #17 – DPW Vehicle for Deputy Director

DPW Deputy Director Jim McKay discussed the need for a new 2017 Ford Explorer. The Town Mechanic no longer has transportation to pick up parts. The vehicle the Deputy Director currently has will now be used by the Town Mechanic. The cost of the new 2017 Ford Explorer is \$31,537.00 and will be paid for from Water/Sewer/General funds.

Article #16 – DPW – 1 Ton Dump Truck Request

Jim McKay discussed the need for a new 1 ton dump truck at a cost of \$47,100.53. The dump truck it is replacing is a 2006 model with 135,000 miles on the odometer and is in need of costly repair in excess of \$5000. The new vehicle will be used year round for plowing, cemetery needs, road repairs, water main breaks, and towing landscape trailers and will be funded through the General Fund.

Article #14 – Dean Street Water Main

Jim McKay discussed the Dean Street Article in which \$37,695.00 will be needed to install a 2" service tap on the existing 6" water main and then 2 one inch services to the property lines. They are waiting for additional bids to come in.

Snow and Ice Update:

Jim McKay stated that the salt shed was ½ full at the end of June. They have finished filling the shed and also made several vehicle repairs which combined cost \$27,000. They received news that the salt prices have dropped resulting in a potential \$22,000 savings.

Adjourn:

Craig Schultze made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 PM. Rich Molloy seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

Submitted by:
Jennifer Smith McCarthy