

Finance Committee
North Reading Town Hall, Room 5
Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Present: Ms. Hurlbut, Mr. Kelliher, Mr. Pulver, Mr. Haggerty, and Mr. Veneziano

Absent: Mr. Koppelman, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Wolpin

Guests: Ms Pavao

Budget Discussions:

Mr. Pulver gave a report on the Fire Department's Budget (notes attached)

Staffing - Mr. Pulver advised members that Mr. Warnock would like to have 5 men on so that 4 can go out on a call and one can stay at the base. ALS funds would have to support this extra man.

Bucket Truck - There is a bucket truck in the Fire Dept. budget. Ms. Hurlbut advised members that the town has promised to fund \$18,000 if the Fire Dept.'s budget can't afford it.

Mechanic – Ms. Pavao explained that the Fire Dept. mechanic covers the vehicles for the Police, Fire and Elder Services. It is not a union position.

Mutual Aid – Mr. Pulver said call firefighters get a minimum of 3 hours paid when they are called in. Ms. Pavao said there are 9 call members, and will soon be 10.

There was some discussion about the new engine and what equipment it came with.

Mr. Pulver moved to approve the Fire Department FY16 budget of \$3,030,289. Mr. Veneziano seconded the motion. Discussion: There was some discussion about the Town Administrator's figure. Ms. Pavao said the Town Administrator's recommendation didn't include the mechanic and \$13,000 in O.T. callback. **Voted, 5-0.**

There is a joint meeting with the BOS scheduled for Monday, March 9th. Following that, the next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 7:00 PM, room 5.

Mr. Veneziano moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Mr. Haggerty seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Approved

Date