

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

April 1, 2010

Present: Chairman, Elaine Kelly
Rick Nieber
Dan McInnis
Bob D'Amico
Janice Hight
Tony Poteete

Also Present: Kelly Burke, Director Senior Center
Adrienne Cost, President of Friends of the Senior Center, Inc.
June Hubbard-Ward, Treasurer/Collector

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

R. Nieber moved acceptance of the March 18, 2010 meeting minutes; J. Hight seconded; approved unanimously.

Review of Senior Center/Council on Aging Budget

Kelly Burke, Senior Center Director reported that they were happy to be relocated to the new Senior Center building. They have already experienced an increase in the number of seniors participating in various programs and events. She introduced Adrian Cost, President of the Friends of the Senior Center and recognized the generous donation they have received from them for the new Senior Center.

The FY2011 budget request allows for the level staffing with the Volunteer Program Coordinator position funded by the Friends donation. The utility budget is increased as they have moved into the new 14,000 square foot facility.

Review of Financial Offices Budget

June Hubbard-Ward, Treasurer/Collector reported that the combined offices of the Assessors, Accounting and Treasurer/Collector will be presented together under the Financial Offices section of the FY2011 budget. A warrant article at the Annual Town Meeting will request approval of the creation of the Finance Director position. The Finance Director, if approved, will assume greater responsibility for coordination and leadership of the Financial Team.

June Hubbard-Ward noted the significant accomplishments of the Assessors, Accounting and Treasurer/Collectors offices and noted that the three offices each request a decrease in FY2011, mainly due to reductions in Contractual Services for Assessors and Accounting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for April 8, 2010.

Public Comments

None

Regional School Committee MSBA Reimbursement Update

The Northborough Southborough Regional School Committee met on March 31, 2010 to discuss the MSBA reimbursement issue. After some discussion, the RSC determined that they did not want to initiate the process for a declaratory judgment. No vote was taken.

Adjournment

J. Hight motioned to adjourn; R. Nieber seconded, approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

June Hubbard-Ward

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