



APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 20, 2014, 7:30 pm
Selectmen's Meeting Room

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

Also present: John Coderre, Town Administrator
Pat Collins, Superintendent
Kristopher Luoto, Business Manager
Virginia Simms-George, Northborough School Rep
Kelly Burke, Director, Senior Center
Adrienne Cost, Chair of COA

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Assabet Valley Schools

Superintendent Pat Collins provided the Committee with an update on the building renovation project. Northborough's share of the debt service in FY2015 is \$11,473. The project is approximately 40% complete.

Overall, Assabet's FY15 budget is \$18.4 million which is a \$606,000 increase, or 3.41%. Northborough's assessment is \$828,280 which is an \$181,341 increase, or 28.03%. The significant increase is primarily due to an increase in Northborough's enrollment from forty-six students in FY2014 to fifty-six in FY 2015. Northborough's FY2015 total combined Assabet assessment is \$839,753.

Senior Center

Senior Center Director Kelly Burke presented the FY2015 budget. Overall, the FY2015 Senior Center budget is up 2.1%, or \$4,762. The increase reflects general wage increases of 2% for both union and non-union personnel. As in FY2014, \$15,000 will be expended from the revolving fund to supplement the contracted services line which is used to pay for the cleaning of the building.

The Director provided a packet of information regarding the expanded program offerings for 2014. The Bistro lunch program has been very successful and several dinner theater and other evening events have drawn over 120 people per event. The Bistro is entirely self-sufficient on fees charged for meals. At the April 2014 Town Meeting the meals coordinator position will become a permanent, classified position, while still remaining funded by program fees.

CIP

The Town Administrator reviewed the draft CIP and the FY15 Capital Budget, which will be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

Next Meeting Date and Committee Meeting Schedule

The Committee meets next on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Any other business to come before the Committee

None

Adjournment

J. Hight moved to adjourn; R. Nieber seconded; motion was unanimous.

9:05 pm – adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Coderre, Town Administrator

Documents used during meeting:

1. Assabet Valley Presentation
2. Assabet Valley FY15 Budget
3. Senior Center Presentation
4. Senior Center FY15 Budget
5. Draft CIP and FY15 Capital Budget

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