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FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The March 15, 2012 meeting of the Orleans Finance Committee was convened by Chairman Ms. Gwen Holden-Kelly at 7:00 p.m. in the Nauset Room of the Orleans' Town Hall. Present constituting a quorum were Members; Mr. Dale Fuller, Mr. Paul Rooker, Mr. Mark Carron, Mr. John Hodgson and Mr. Rick Sigel. Members absent were; Mr. William Weil, Mr. Larry Hayward and Mr. Ed Barr.

Guests:

Mr. John Fuller, Selectmen liaison
Mary Lyttle, Chairman, Orleans Human Services Advisory Committee

Public Comment

None

Fiscal Year 2013 budget reviews 00:40 on Video Tape

Chairman Lyttle reviewed the proposed FY 13 Requested Funding and HSAC Recommendations to the BOS which totaled \$63,163. This is a 24.7% increase over FY 12 or \$12,533 and significantly higher than the BOS budget policy guidelines. Chairman Lyttle explained that the increase is due to more agencies seeking monies this year. Several questions on the funding for Orleans residents with the committee focusing on the Orleans after School Program followed the budget presentation. The committee awaited any vote on the article until their presentation to the BOS.

Handouts 25:44 on Video Tape

Chairman Holden-Kelly reviewed with the members all of the handouts which were attached to the agenda.

Fiscal Year 2013 budget reviews (Cont'd) 29:25 on Video Tape

Chairman Holden-Kelly reviewed Budget 630 (Recreation) which reflected an increase in the amount of \$128.00. No new equipment was being requested, staffing is made up of High School volunteers and Parents. To inform participants of the programs they distribute flyers at the High School and have a show case to display the Recreation schedule.

With news that "Together We Can" has disbanded, there are questions being raised on how the Skateboard Park funding may be effected. The BOS will be taking up the Tri-Town Agreement prior to funding as there is no agency taking ownership of the park, although funding is through the Recreation budget.



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Budget 440 (Sewerage Collection) was discussed. This budget is presently funded to pay for a Clerk of the Works for any part time hours needed. Current funding appears to be an estimate. Members questioned how much time and dollars have been paid to the current Clerk of the Works?

Vice Chairman Fuller presented his findings on the follow-up questions from prior meetings. Department heads are allowed to make transfers within budget categories i.e.; Expense within Expense, Salaries within Salaries. Line item transfers are not permitted in Capital line items – any excess funds remaining are carried over.

Mr. Hodgson asked if there was a listing of the balances currently held over for Capital or any other article with unspent funds. Mr. Rooker asked when all the monies are used out of a line item, can finance track what the actual monies were spent for?

Mr. D. Fuller continued with the follow-up questions. Water Department Electricity, Mr. Rooker asked how the funding is calculated. Do we know the cost per kilowatt hour. Mr. D. Fuller would follow-up with the Director of Finance.

Questions on the Fire Department will be followed up with Chief Quinn. Police Chief indicated funding for OT is OK. The other issues discussed (Tasers) will come later – not within this budget year.

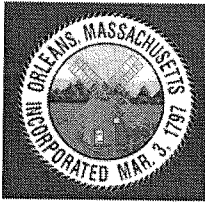
Library, will be looking into maintenance. Concern was expressed about the maintenance needs at the Library and the difficulty in getting them repaired. The committee hopes this will be resolved under the proposed Building Needs Study.

Approval of Minutes 00:00 on Video Tape

Due to the absences of the Secretary, approval of the minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

Warrant Articles 91:30 on Video Tape

Mr. Carron brought the committee up to date on the CPC funding for the Twining's Property. The Open Space Committee was asked not to present an article that would require a Debt Exclusion ballot question, the CPC has decided to fund an additional \$120,000 – making their funding for that project at \$240,000 requiring them to bond the second \$120,000. Bonding by the CPC does not require voter approval by a ballot question.



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Chairman Holden-Kelly read a letter from Elementary School Principle Diane Carreiro dated 2/13/12. Fund raising appears to be on schedule and the contractor has been selected.

Other Business 124:15 on Video Tape

Members discussed the Budget Public Hearing which the majority expressed disappointment with the voter turnout. Members hoped that in the future more publicity of the event may help create interest in attending.

Chairman Holden-Kelly indicated that at our next meeting we would be discussing our voting process and article reviews.

Members discussed the facility tour and disappointment in the report and its findings. All agreed that it appeared that the RFP determined the outcome of the report as it set certain parameters that the firm needed to adhere too. Members felt that the tour was enlightening, with most feeling that the town has a lot of vacant space available.

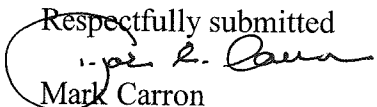
Boards, Committee and Department Reports: 157:80 on Video Tape

Mr. Rooker gave an update on the actions of the Renewable energy committee. There continues to be concern expressed that the committee over the lack of information. They have received a pro-forma, but still have numerous questions that need to be answered. The articles have been written and presented for the warrant. Article 97 has been pulled. The committee is also looking into the possible benefits of the town going it alone.

Adjournment: 174:50 on Video Tape

There being no further business before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted


Mark Carron

Secretary

Next Meeting:

Thursday March 22, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Nauset Room at the Town Office Building.



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Follow-Up Items

- Discussion of adequacy of existing business management resources in Fire Department and consideration of possible FinCom recommendation to the Board of Selectmen on this issue
- Chief Quinn – report on Brewster’s use of a new ambulance using an existing box
- Better understanding of the flow of income generated by fees.
- Review merits of staying involved in the Old Kings Highway Historical District
- Financial concerns with vehicle and equipment replacement list
- Discussion of possible FinCom recommendation to the Board of Selectmen regarding filling position of Water Superintendent
- Turn back issue averages \$500,000
- Tour the Water Facility