

Finance Committee Meeting January 20th 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:03PM. Present were Mr. Zukauskas, Mr. Yohalem, Mrs. Mielke, Mr. Imberman, Mr. Herrick, Mr. Dowling and Mrs. Spaulding. Guests included Ms. Tara White and Mr. Michael Skorput. Minutes were accepted as read, Mr. Zukauskas 1st, Mr. Dowling 2nd motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Spaulding questioned what was to be done with the Visiting Nurse budget that had been put on hold at the previous meeting. It was decided that she should call the Visiting Nurse and ask why the assessment had risen and exactly what services were being provided to the town. While it is believed that the VNA provides blood pressure clinics on a regular basis in the town, Mr. Herrick suggested that they be better publicized. The Committee wanted to know how many people in the town were being served by the VNA.

Mr. Skorput was asked if there was a Highway Budget available, to which he replied it was still being scrutinized by the selectmen.

A general review of the Department Expenditure Report as of January 17 2011 noted that the budget that might need monies transferred from the Reserve Fund might be the Town Hall Account that has expended 74.61% of its budget. There was some question as to whether the transfer of the telephone account had taken place last March, when the service expired with Richmond and was supposed to begin with Verizon. Again it was noted that though the various departments in the Town Hall might be linked the Library and the Fire House remain on separate lines. When the Town Hall budget is presented some of these questions will no doubt be answered.

The Highway "Roads and Bridges" and "Winter Roads" appears to be in 'good shape' although with the continued snow and ice storms this may change. Everyone on the committee commented on the improvement of the roads from past years!

Mr. Yohalem stated that while this year's budget appears to be in 'good shape' the committee needs to know what money is on hand! Ms. Mielke is away right now, but Ms. White stated that she would ask Ms. Mielke (when she returns) to provide some figures that would answer this question. The following budgets were reviewed, and there was a question about the Webmaster and when the town's web site would be operational. Mr. Skorput stated that it should be operational on February 1st. Mrs. Spaulding stated that she had not been asked to provide any information about the Animal Inspector's role in the town, nor the Council on Aging, or the Senior Tax Work-off Abatement Program.

It was also noted that in the past the Treasurer and Town Accountant had divided the computer contract services, but the selectmen wanted an accurate picture of what each used. This accounted for the increase in the Treasurer's Expense budget and the decrease in the Accounting Officers Expense budget. The **Treasurer's Expense 10147.44** budget was put on hold until Ms. Mielke returns.

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Memorial Day 50692.00 (\$700) now requesting [\$700]
Town Counsel 10124.00 (\$8000) now requesting [\$8200]
School Committee Expenses 30002.00 (\$1500) now requesting [\$1500]
Town Website 10116.00 (\$4,000) now requesting (\$2,000) for yearly upkeep.
Town Officers Bonds 10193.00 (\$1,250) now requesting [\$1,250]
Town Officers Expenses 10192.07 (\$1,000) now requesting [\$1,000]
Street Lights 20425.00 (\$4,500) now requesting [\$4,500]
Accounting Officer Expense 10135.03 (\$4,153) now requesting [\$3,494]

The above budgets were passed with Mr. Zukauskas recusing him for the Accounting Officer Expense budget. Mr. Herrick 1st, Mr. Yohalem 2nd.

Treasurer's Expense 10147.44 put on hold.

The next Finance committee meeting will be held next Thursday January 27th providing there are enough budgets to review.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01PM

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Spaulding Secretary

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