

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – JUNE 29, 2010

A meeting convened at 7:32 pm in Town Hall.

Members present: Bothwick, Creighton, Croft, Kenney, Martin, Pick, and Putnam

Members absent: Sullivan

Other present: Town Accountant, Town Administrator

Mr. Bothwick presided.

REQUESTS FOR TRANSFER – FY 2010

Library – The Chairman of the Trustees joined the meeting with a request of \$20,000 for roof repairs to the children’s room. Library funds will cover most of the cost. Library Trust Funds total approximately \$150,000 plus \$40,000 unencumbered bequests. The unencumbered funds are being considered for the future Library expansion. Can CPA funds be used?

Mr. Putnam MOVED “to approve \$15,000 for roof repairs”. The MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

The expected override next year will have the FinCom looking to use Library funds next year.

Police – The Chief joined the meeting.

Mr. Putnam MOVED “to approve a police budget transfer of \$12,500 from salaries to expenses, subject to DOR approval”. The MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

Care of Floats – Mr. Bothwick MOVED “to transfer \$346 for an emergency repair”. The MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

Police – Mr. Martin MOVED “to transfer \$8,000 for bullet proof vests”. The MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

The total cost of the vests is reimbursed from the federal and state governments. The vests may not be worn after their warranty expires.

Finance Committee – Mr. Bothwick MOVED “to transfer \$100 for salaries due to an increase in hours”. The MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

Insurance – Mr. Bothwick MOVED “to transfer \$638.91 for an increase in the Town’s share of health insurance”. The MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

Audit – A thorough report indicated there was no cash missing. Mr. Bothwick MOVED “to transfer \$10,000 for a cash audit”. The MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

Assessors – Mr. Putnam MOVED “to approve a budget transfer of \$3,500 from salaries to expenses and a transfer \$1,500 to expenses”. The MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

Appeals Board – Mr. Bothwick MOVED “to transfer \$600 for salaries due to an increase in hours”. The MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

Treasurer/Collector - Mr. Bothwick MOVED “to transfer \$5,000 for salaries due to the failure to reappoint this position”. The MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

Town Hall and Common - Mr. Putnam MOVED “to transfer \$4,500 for repairs to a window and painting in hallways and stairwells”. The MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

Veterans’ Benefits - Mr. Putnam MOVED “to transfer \$470.50 for increased benefits”. The MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

FICA - Mr. Bothwick MOVED “to transfer \$4,894.18 for an increase in the Town’s share”. The MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

Fire – A variety of personnel circumstances including disability, personnel days and retirement result in a shortage of funds.

Mr. Bothwick MOVED “to transfer \$17,000 for salaries”. The MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

The budget should include personnel day costs. The FinCom requests that the Fire Chief appear before them to respond to questions.

Other Requests – The Town Administrator reported expected shortages in DPW salaries, legal costs and repairs to the Lincoln Street well.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Cherry Sheet was received.

The report of the Harbor Advisory Committee to the BOS was received and distributed. The report included discrepancies on mooring fees and use of the harbor. There has been no action by the BOS. The Town Administrator requested that any questions or ideas of resolution should be directed to himself or the Police Chief.

SCHOOL MEETING – September 8 is being considered for the joint meeting between Manchester and Essex officials to kick off the appetite of the Towns for an override. The first projection from the school is for a 3% operating budget.

CONTRACTS – The DPW and Fire contracts end on June 30, 2010. The Town Administrator is negotiating a 10% health reduction.

NEW MEMBER – The Committee welcomed new member Sue Pick.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Sabella
Clerk