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FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
Swampscott, MA 01907

Called to Order: A meeting of the Swampscott Finance Committee was held at the Swampscott Town Hall, 22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott, Mass at 7:00P.M.

Attendance: Chairman, Linso van der Burg, Vice Chair, Marzie Galazka and Members, Tim Dorsey, Joan Hilario, William Jones, Cinder McNerney, Jill Sullivan, and Polly Mary Titcomb.

Also present was Resident Maryellen Fletcher and Chairman of the Board of Selectman, Naomi Dreeben. Town Moderator, Joe Markarian.

Finance Committee members discussed which Departments they would be grouping with to go over their budgets and any of their capital improvement request. (See list below).

- Member Jill Sullivan-General Government.
- Member Linso van der Burg-Public Protection, Unclassified & Harbormaster.
- Member William Jones- Health & Sanitation, Recreation, Council on Aging and Veterans.
- Member Tim Dorsey-Police & Fire Department.
- Member Marzie Galazka-Public Works.
- Members Mary Polly Titcomb & Joan Hilario—School Department.
- Member Joan Hilario-Public Library.
- Member Cinder McNerney-Capital Improvements.

Open Discussion-Town Budget:

- Member Jill Sullivan will be looking at the Pension side of the budget.
- Member Tim Dorsey will be looking at overtime-Police Department.
- Member William Jones- Garbage Collections, Recycling, savings not showing on the budget.
- Member Marzie Galazka-Sewer & Drainage issues.
- Member Linso van der Burg-Recreation –revolving accounts, look at their expenses and balance in revenue side.
- Member Cinder McNerney –Debt & Capital improvements.
- Member Jill Sullivan commented on the amount of changes on the School Budget.
- Member Cinder McNerney asked if the School Department will be presenting their Budget on screen at a future Finance meeting.

Comments / Question by Board members:

Member Linso van der Burg –Town gaining in grants.

Member Linso van der Burg spoke on the Collins Center report –cross training of staff members at the Town Hall. –Payroll should be changed.

Member Cinder McNerney questioned what is driving the District cost up.

Member Jill Sullivan questioned the 5.2% increase on the School Budget and needs to be explained. Member Linso van der Burg inquired with Selectman Dreeben if the Selectman had received the Town Budget yet.

*Member Jill Sullivan recognized that Mr. Evan Katz, School Business Manager has spent a lot of time working the current school budget
Member Cinder McNerney has asked about an Organization Chart from the School Department.*

Collins Center report brief discussion:

Moderator Joe Markarian suggested payroll be changed in the Town Hall –use an outside payroll program. A volunteer Fire Department was spoken of briefly.

Selectman Dreeben spoke on the following items from the Collins Report that are now being worked on.

- *New Facilities Director*
- *Technology*
- *Moving Business Office.*

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by member Tim Dorsey at 9:00P.M. seconded by member Polly Titcomb.

By Attest:

Maureen Shultz, Finance Secretary