

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday May 18, 2019 held at 1st Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

Members Present: Dorsey (Chair), Fletcher, Sullivan, McNerney, Rosenberg, Hartmann, Hilario, Goldman

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Ronald Mendes (minutes taker & Asst Town Administrator); Michael McClung (Town Moderator)

Called to order 10:00am

Mr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Mr. Dorsey began the discussion by bringing the committee up to date about his discussion with the Town Administrator on what makes up the Salary Reserve Account. There is approx. \$55,000 for non-union raises, as well as other items in that allow for further re-organizations and flexibility for potential new hires in the event of resignations/terminations.

There was then some discussion about the proposed changes made to the operating budget at the last meeting. On Motion by Ms. Hilario, with a 2nd from Ms. Rosenberg it was voted to change the modification to the operating budget made over the last two meetings such that the changes as itemized in the following table will supersede previously voted changes to the budget:

Proposed Changes	Amount	Description
Decrease Line Item #4	-\$33,250.00	Finance Committee Reserve
Decrease Line Item #22	-\$6,750.00	Performance Management
Decrease Line Item #22	-\$45,000.00	Salary Reserve
Decrease Line Item #46	-\$75,000.00	Police Overtime
Increase Line Item #65	+\$160,000.00	Regional Vocational School Assessment

Mr. Mendes will prepare a handout for town meeting members that itemizes the entire proposed budget with the above changes highlighted such that town meeting members will be able to refer to the handout rather than the budget as printed in the warrant.

There was then some discussion about how Ms. Sullivan will present on Article 19 (Proposed increased in Retiree's COLA base) given that Mr. Powell from the Retirement Board will also be presenting on this article. Mr. Dorsey then asked the committee to decide on the appropriate steps that needs to be taken on Article 32 (Sale of Property) because the Selectmen have decided to only consider selling the portion of the referenced parcel in the Article that contains the current C&L Liquor Store at this time. Upon motion by Ms. Sullivan, with a 2nd from Ms. Hilario it was voted to recommend approval of this Article as amended to only include the sale of the portion of the parcel on which the Liquor Store sits. Mr. Hartmann will be presenting the motion on Article 32.

There was then discussion on Article 33. Mr. McClung advised the committee that Article 33 includes disposition of property (a conservation restriction); therefore, a recommendation of the Finance Committee is required. There then ensued a discussion on the specifics of the Article. Upon Motion by Ms. Sullivan, with a 2nd from Mr. Goldman it was voted to recommend favorable action on this Article.

There was then a brief discussion about the proposal on Article 35 (Regulation of Cats) and the committee reminded itself that it voted that the financial impact was de minimus not requiring a recommendation from the Finance Committee.

There was then a discussion about the suggested consent agenda. Mr. McClung explained that on the floor of town meeting he will explain how the consent agenda process will take place. Ms. Rosenberg will be the Finance Committee member that will make the initial motion to move the entire consent agenda. If seven (7) town meeting members wish to remove any Article from the consent agenda, then that Article will go back to its order in the Warrant. There was then some general discussion about the other articles and town meeting procedure.

Meeting Adjourned 11:23 am.

Minutes Approved June 19th