

Spencer Finance Committee
March 12, 2013
Minutes

- **Call meeting to order** at 7:05 p.m.
- **Members present:** Mary Braney, Chair, Paul McLaughlin, Vice Chair, Nancy Herholz, Mike Malone, Bill Wall, Chris Kandel, Chris Bowen, Julie Parenteau and Robbin Joyce.
- **Guests:** Mary Baker-Wood, Library Director, Lynn Dobson & Theresa Beckwith, Library Trustees; David Darrin, Chief of Police; Robert Parsons, Fire Chief.
- **Minutes of February 19, 2013 meeting**
Motion: made by Mike Malone to accept (with correction change heading “Agenda” to “Minutes”) minutes.
Second: Paul McLaughlin
Approved: Unanimously
- **Correspondence:** None
- **Budget Presentations:**
 1. **Library**
Mary Baker-Wood, Director, accompanied by Library Trustees, Lynn Dobson & Theresa Beckwith, presented the FY2014 budget for the Richard Sugden Public Library. Mary noted to the committee that this budget is level-service & level-funded. Noted was the need for a modest increase of \$10,000 to \$18,000, which would ease some of the frustrations with ongoing expenses.
Discussion, questions and comments.
 2. **Police**
Chief Darrin presented the police department FY 2014 budget, which is level-service; did not explain the items line by line as they were self-explanatory.
Discussion, questions and comments.
 3. **Fire**
Chief Parson presented the police department FY 2014 budget, which is level-service. The chief noted the need to increase training for the men to twice a month and keeping up to date with turnout gear, (turnout gear is included in his Capital request).
Discussion, questions and comments.
- **Liaison Reports**
 1. **Capital Planning Committee:** Nancy Herholz reported that the CIPC had completed the interview process with heads of the departments; finished scoring the department requests, which were turned in to Adam Gaudette, Town Administrator; who will submit a statement of the committee’s recommendations to the BoS.

Discussion, questions and comments

2. **Financial Planning Committee:** Paul McLaughlin stated that meetings have been suspended.
3. **School Building Committee:** Chris Bowen stated that the committee is on a nine (9) month hiatus. With the ongoing issues (presently) the committee is unable to move forward.
4. **School Capital Planning Committee:** No report
5. **SEBRSC:** Mary Braney reported that the interim business manager, Richard Scortino, continues to work on the district's budget. The school budget shortfall, nearly \$2 million, will carry over to next year due to the fact, that the schools will need more in order to reach the level of funding which should have been in FY2013 budget.

SEBRSC will discuss the possibility whether to form a committee to investigate changing the regional agreement to add a member from BoS from each town to this committee.

A public hearing for SEBRSC will be held March 18, 2013 in the David Prouty High School auditorium; special meeting will follow the hearing.

Much discussion, questions and comment from FinCom members.

- **No further business**
- **Adjourn** : 8:43 p.m.
Motion made: Chris Bowen
Second: Chris Kandel
Approved: Unanimous

Meeting Schedule: March 19 Public Works (Sewer, Water, U&F) March 26 Bay Path, Council on Aging, SEBRSD April 2 Public Hearing April 9 Votes on recommendations for ATM

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy E. Herholz