

Finance Committee

Minutes
March 8, 2016

Call meeting to order: 6:40 p.m. quorum: 6:50

Members: Mary Braney, Chair, Paul McLaughlin, Vice Chair, Nancy Herholz, Clerk, Bill Wall, Chris Bowen, Nancy Tame & Robbin Joyce.

Adam Gaudette, Town Administrator

Guests: James LaPlante, Sewer Dept. Superintendent & Frank White, Sewer Commissioner; Steven Tyler, Superintendent, Water, Highway, Transfer Station & Utilities & Facilities; Rob Churchey, Chairman of Parks & Recreation & Bill Shemeth, Member.

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- **Motion:** Paul McLaughlin
- **Second:** Chris Bowen
- **Approve:** Unanimous

Correspondence:

- None

Liaison Reports:

- **Financial Management Planning Committee:** Paul McLaughlin and Adam Gaudette reported on the Public hearing held February 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the McCourt Hall of the Town Hall. 100 + in attendance; very informative for everyone present. Explanation, questions, comments and discussion with regard to the extent of the project; cost and funding information presented, as Chapter 90 funds from the State are insufficient; town cannot rely on Chapter 90 funding to address the road issues and will only lead to further road deterioration. Override options were presented and explanation to the proposed bond alternatives being \$34 million, \$19 million and \$10 million allowing for certain number of roads to be improved; override to be decided by voters at the town election.

Public Hearing for Spencer Roads Capital Improvement Project (#3) will be held March 21, 2016

Discussion, questions and comments.

- **Capital Planning Improvement Committee:** Nancy Herholz reported that the committee met, March 8, 2016 for final

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rankings and recommend which was submitted to the Town Administrator.

Committee to reevaluate the process with which they rank the capital requests.

- **SEBRSC:** No report

DPHS Building Committee: Mary Braney stated that committee has not met.

Building Property & Reuse Committee: Committee has not met but is in the process of scheduling meetings.

Landfill Solar Development Advisory Committee: Committee has not met but will start scheduling meeting.

Town Administrator:

- **FY2017 Budget:** Adam Gaudette stated that this evenings budget presenters covered the majority of explanation pertaining to the next Fiscal Year's budget.
- **Any other:** Public Hearing, the *Spencer Roads Capital Improvement Project*, Monday evening March 21, 2016 at 6:00p.m.

Discussion, questions & comments.

Department Budget Presentation:

Sewer: James LaPlante, Superintendent and Frank White, Sewer Commissioner presented the Sewer districts FY2017 budget, detailing salaries, hourly and overtime compensation. Also included were general expenses and debt service.

Discussion, questions & comments.

Water, Highway, Transfer Station and U & F: Steven Tyler, Superintendent presented the FY2017 budget which included salaries, hourly wages and overtime compensation. The presentation discussed they amount of general expenses and justification of these expenses.

Discussion, questions & comments.

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Parks & Recreation: Rob Churchey, Chairman, Bill Shemeth, member spoke about the fact that even though their budget has been cut to zero, the commission continues to work with an all-volunteer board, in an attempt to serve the needs of Spencer. This board carries on the overseeing of maintenance and repairs of the town owned parks and buildings of these parks.

- **Resolution Calling for Full Funding of the Foundation Budget Review Commission's Recommendations:** Mary Braney asked Finance Committee members if there was an interest in signing this resolution in an attempt to have State move forward on the commission's recommendations. After a brief discussion, members felt that since revenue was not there for the State or Town(s) a signed document would do little to provoke any action.
- **Any other:** Mary Braney, just as a note, that "Mass Memories Roadshow" was being held Sunday, April 3rd from 10 to 3 at the Town Hall. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Mary Baker-Wood at the library.

Finance Committee Public hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: 8:44 p.m.

Motion: Paul McLaughlin

Second: Chris Bowen

Approve: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Hertz

Dates to note:

Finance Committee meeting schedule February - May, 2016

Mar. 22, 2016: Finance Committee: Budget Presentations from Staff (Police, Fire, Library & Council on Aging)

Mar. 29, 2016: Finance Committee (Special): Budget Presentation from Schools (Bay Path and SEBRSD) and from Staff (Accounting, Board of Assessors, and Treasurer Collector)

Apr. 12, 2016: Finance Committee (Special): Public Hearing on FY2017 Budget (*Place ad in New Leader) and Vote Recommendations on Annual Town Meeting Warrant

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Apr. 13, 2016: FinCom Drop Dead to have the Warrant book to printer (must have in hand 4 days before ATM)

May 5, 2016: Annual Town Meeting

May 10, 2016: Town Elections