

Minutes

Finance Committee

October 19, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Dan Sherman

Present: Dennis Hogan, Jan Digiambattista, Dan Sherman, Wayne Tarr, Joe Tringale, Gerard Leeman, Jim Sullivan, Peter McManama, Joanne Reilly and Joe Bertrand

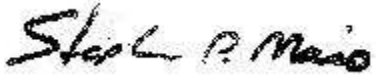
Not in Attendance: Brian Cusack, Doug Butler and Lorri Wheeler.

Also in Attendance: Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio and Town Accountant Kevin Gill and Town Clerk Betsy Sheeran.

- 1) Public Participation: None
- 2) Motion to approve the minutes for the June 29, 2017 meeting by Wayne Tarr
Seconded by Gerard Leeman and so voted.
- 3) Town Administrator presented the Committee with a review of Fiscal Year 2017 and a general discussion regarding FY2018 and beyond followed.
- 4) November 6, 2017 Town Meeting
 - i) Article 2 Free cash: Motion to recommend the expenditure of \$2,220,000 of free cash to balance the FY2018 budget by Joe Bertrand seconded by Wayne Tarr and so voted unanimously.
 - ii) Article 3 Fire Union Contract: Motion to recommend expenditure of \$140,000 from free cash to settle the Fire Union Contract by Joe Bertrand seconded by Gerard Leeman and so voted unanimously.
 - iii) Article 6 Dog License Fees: Motion to recommend the increase of the Dog License fees as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Jan Digiambattista and so voted unanimously.
- 5) Committee Comments
 - i) Peter McManama reported back on the School Budget subcommittees meeting with the School Committee, Superintendent Dr. Smith and Business Manager Michael Pfifferling. The meetings have been positive with a focus on improving communication. It is anticipated that the School Department will meet early on in the process with the Finance Committee to discuss the FY2019 budget as well as a multi-year budget forecast.
 - ii) Committee members expressed concern over the lack of progress in filling vacant positions on the Finance Committee. The Chairman and others will reach out to the Moderator to speed up the timeline.
 - iii) Joe Bertrand reported on the Public Safety Building Construction Project. It is anticipated that tours for the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee members as well as the public at

large will be conducted in the near future with the goal of presenting a Bonding article at the May 2018 Annual Town Meeting for the improvements.

6) Motion to adjourn at 7:59 PM by Joe Bertrand seconded by Gerard Leeman and so voted.

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Stephen P. Maio