

TOWN OF WINCHENDON
FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, May 08, 2018
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room
109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475

Present:

Thomas Kane, Chairman
Christian Orobello, Vice Chairman
Dr. Maureen Ward, Member
James Robichaud, Member
Charles Corts, Member
Doug Delay, Member

Katie Broome, Recording Secretary

List of Documents Presented At Meeting:

- Town Of Winchendon Year To Date Reports
- Request For Municipal Account Transfer
- Request For Transfer for Sick Leave Buy Out
- Request For Transfer For Wage Inequity

6:30PM Finance Committee Meeting

Call To Order:

Chairman Kane called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 6:30PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval Of Minutes:

Dr. Ward motioned to postpone the approval of the minutes until the meeting of May 21, 2018. Mr. Robichaud seconded the motion.

KANE: Y OROBELLO: Y WARD: Y ROBICHAUD: Y DELAY: Y CORTS:Y

Municipal Account Transfer Request:

Town Manager Hickey presented a request to transfer \$30,000 for MS4 fund to Snow and Ice Budget, as the Federal Government has postponed permit change until FY 2019. Dr. Ward motioned to approve the transfer, Mr. Robichaud seconded the motion.

KANE: Y OROBELLO: Y WARD: Y ROBICHAUD: Y DELAY: Y CORTS:Y

Transfer for Sick Leave Buy Out:

Town Manager Hickey approached the Finance Committee to transfer \$10,500 from the Highway Operator Account to the Cemetery Labor Account to cover sick leave buy out for a 28 year employee, where there was a surplus in funds, due to staffing changes that had created some savings. Dr. Ward motioned to approve the transfer, Mr. Delay seconded the motion.

KANE: Y OROBELLO: Y WARD: Y ROBICHAUD: Y DELAY: Y CORTS: Y

Transfer for Wage Inequity:

Town Manager Hickey approached the Finance Committee for a transfer of \$2,034.43 from the Town Manager Contract Negotiations Line Item to the Collector Treasurer Salary Line Item, to fund a wage adjustment to correct a wage inequity. Mr. Orobello motioned to approve the transfer, Dr. Ward seconded the motion

KANE: Y OROBELLO: Y WARD: Y ROBICHAUD: Y DELAY: Y CORTS: Y

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YearTo Date Reports:

Chairman Kane noted that he had sent the Finance Committee an updated Year to Date Report for the town. The reports showed that the town is currently at 75.6% of overall budget, which is right on track for this point in the fiscal year. Dr. Ward also noted that the school budget showed improvement in comparison to the previous year, and applauded Mr. Ikonen for trying to comply to the Finance Committee's requests for how the budget is presented.

Town Meeting Finance Report:

Chairman Kane presented the Finance Committee for the proposed report for the upcoming Town Meeting, with special emphasis on Warrant Article 5, as it was heavily contested for its use of stabilization funds to transfer into the reserve fund. Chairman Kane noted that the presentation should portray an unbiased view of this warrant article. The Finance Committee then discussed the best way to present the information for this report in an unbiased fashion. Mr. Robichaud did note his hesitancy for taking money from the stabilization fund when it cannot be promised to be returned to the stabilization fund when the money presents itself from the Reserve Fund. It was noted that the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager intend to replace the money, even if the promise cannot be made. For the end of the discussion on this report, Mr. Corts noted that there was an error in the totals of Supplemental Reserve Fund and the FY 19 Requirement, which was listed as \$325,776, and noted that it should be changed to \$323,776. Chairman Kane agreed, and noted it would be changed for the final presentation.

Member Comments:

Mr. Robichaud noted that he intends to see if a motion can be made for the money that comes from the Pilot Solar Fields to be put into the Capital Stabilization fund, as previous votes had voted for in 2013, 2014, and 2015, but hadn't happened. The committee stated that they would not be opposed to putting some percentage of this money to go to stabilization.

Adjournment:

Dr. Ward motioned to adjourn at 7:30PM, Mr. Orobello seconded the motion
KANE: Y OROBELLO: Y WARD: Y ROBICHAUD: Y DELAY: Y CORTS: Y