

Finance Committee Meeting

Minutes – March 16, 2015

Town Hall, Lower Level Hearing Room, 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Patricia-Lee Achorn, Aaron Agulnek, William Brack, Arnold Cohen, Gordon Gladstone, Charles Goodman (late), Alexander Korin, Ira Miller, Laura Nelson, Edward Philips (Hamilton)

1. The first item on the agenda was the Conservation Commission review. Peg Arguimbau, Chair, will present the budget. Greg Meister was not available to attend.
2. Peg Arguimbau stated that the FY'16 budget was level funded. Salaries are both Greg Meister and the secretary. Set by contract. Cedar Swamp was still being surveyed and starting to hold back water.
3. There was some discussion regarding the Conservation Commission budget, Cedar Swamp, and Rattlesnake Hill, and a question about an \$825 amount as to where it was in the budget. Cindy Doherty, Finance Director, would be contacted, and if needed, Greg Meister would be available March 30.
4. The next item was the Board of Health FY'16 budget with Chuck Levine, Chair, and Beverly Anderson, the new Health Administrator.
5. Chuck Levine stated that they had examined every item in the budget. We level funded just about everything. We have a Good Neighbor Fund that provides money for people who are over 60 years of age and need assistance or are disabled. Associated with the Salvation Army. Joined with the Council on Aging to review applications.
6. There was considerable discussion regarding the Board of Health budget especially the inspectional services area. There was a question about \$12,250 and where it was in the budget. They were going to look into that and why there was an 11% increase in the budget.
7. The next item was to assign write-ups for the Warrant recommendations.
8. Special Within the Annual:
9. Article 1. Laura Nelson; Articles 2, 3. Ira Miller; Articles 4, 5. Alex Korin.
10. Annual Town Meeting:
11. Articles 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. Pat Achorn, all the pro forma articles; Article 3. Ira Miller; Article 5. Bill Brack; Article 6. Gordon Gladstone; Article 7. Arnie Cohen; Articles 16, 18. Ted Philips; Article 17. Aaron Agulnek.
12. There was a suggestion to print the list of town pensions in the Annual Report, and a spreadsheet distribution of Fixed and Uncontrollable to be published in the Warrant. Question about cost of 1 School Street.

13. The next item was to vote prior minutes.
14. A **MOTION** was made by Alex Korin and **SECONDED** by Ira Miller to accept the minutes of December 15, 2014.
15. **VOTED:** 5-0-5. For: Achorn, Brack, Goodman, Korin, Miller. Abstain: Agulnek, Cohen, Gladstone, Nelson, Philips.
16. A **MOTION** was made by Alex Korin and **SECONDED** by Ira Miller to accept the minutes of January 12, 2015.
17. **VOTED:** 5-0-5. For: Achorn, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Nelson. Abstain: Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Philips.
18. A **MOTION** was made by Ira Miller and **SECONDED** by Ted Philips to accept the minutes of February 18, 2015.
19. **VOTED:** 6-0-4. For: Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Goodman, Miller, Philips. Abstain: Achorn, Gladstone, Korin, Nelson.
20. A **MOTION** was made by Ira Miller and **SECONDED** by Ted Philips to accept the minutes of February 23, 2015.
21. **VOTED:** 5-0-5. For: Brack, Cohen, Goodman, Miller, Philips. Abstain: Achorn, Agulnek, Gladstone, Korin, Nelson.
22. A **MOTION** was made by Alex Korin and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to accept the minutes of March 9, 2015.
23. **VOTED:** 8-0-2. For: Achorn, Brack, Cohen, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Nelson, Philips. Abstain: Agulnek, Gladstone.
24. The next meeting will be March 23, 2015.
25. It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to adjourn.
26. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.