

Finance Committee Minutes 3-26-18

Meeting Date 3/26/18

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Open at 7:00pm

Members present: Eric Beckerman, Michael Wilson, Johnathan Madore, Phil Fowler, Gary Martin, Jarrett Beeley, Dan Norian

Absent:

Others attending: Chief Spurr, Bill Fitzgerald, James Purcell

Approve Minutes: 3/12/18 Motion Mike 2nd Gary unanimous

Old Business: review prior session

New Business:

Finance Committee welcomes Dan Norian to the Committee as a replacement for Jimmy.

Selectmen responded to request and opted not to add "raise and appropriate or take from available funds" to articles

Chief Spurr described to the Finance Committee the OSHA requirements that are facing the FD for the upcoming year, specifically when entering a fire, we need 2 men outside and 2 men inside at a minimum. Chief is in the process of applying for a "S.A.F.E.R." grant which will add 4 additional firefighters. The grant pays almost 100% year one then decreases over 4 years. The chief feels we should fund 4 additional firefighters to effectively double the full time staff to be sure we are in compliance with OSHA. The finance committee asked about the Call firefighters. The chief stated that the Call program has had some challenges with staffing and responsiveness. The chief also spoke about the need for a new safety vehicle which will be paid out of the Ambulance Revolving Fund

Bill Fitzgerald of DPW presented to the finance committee an overview of the DPW for next fiscal year. The most pressing issue is one of the water towers. We need refurbishing or full replacement in the very near future. The cost may be similar to refurbish vs. buy new, Bill is still researching that. Pictures of the tank were provided. Finance Committee suggested using MBTE money as the funding source. Bill is not sure if those funds are restricted. Bill also described the state of the salt shed, it is an eyesore and in need of repair.

Continuation of article and budget discussion

Jarrett will research new OSHA impact

Jonathan will research the MBTE fund

Mike will request a soft copy of the schools budget

Finance Committee fielded questions and comments from members of the public

Next Meeting 4/2/18 7pm town hall

Adjournment 9:55pm Motion Mike 2nd Gary unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Jarrett Beeley Acting Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jarrett Beeley", is written below the typed name.