

Town of Fairhaven

Finance Committee

Minutes of the meeting for <June 13, 2013>at the BPW Administration Building, Arsene St., Fairhaven, MA

Members in attendance:

Chairman-John Roderiques, Robert A. Furtado, Scott Fernandes, Kim Hyland, Kathi Carter, Dawn Devlin, Sid Martin

Members late:

Padraic Elliot- in @ 7:07 PM.

Members absent:

Therese Szala

Town of Fairhaven:

Jeffery Osuch- Executive secretary

Vincent D. Furtado- BPW Superintendent

Warren Rensehausen- Recreation Director

Meeting was covered by government access television. Member of the press present.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Announced that the meeting was being recorded by government access TV. Chairman has to be notified if anyone else present is recording the meeting by video or audio.

Motion made by Kim to accept the minutes from May 4, 2013. Seconded by Sid.

Vote: Unanimous

- Chairman starts discussion of reorganization. There are currently 4 open seats on the committee. The At Large seat is expected to be filled at the Monday night Selectmen's meeting.
- Chairman nominates Bob for Recording Secretary. Seconded by Sid. Vote: Unanimous
- Kim nominates John for Chairman. Seconded by Sid.
- John nominates Kim for Chairman. Seconded by Sid. Kim declines the nomination!

- Vote on Kim's motion for John as Chairman: Motion passes 6 to 1 with John opposed.
- Sid nominates Scott for Vice Chairman. Seconded by Kim. Vote: Unanimous
- Committee handles Reserve Fund Transfers:

Vincent Furtado represents the BPW

 - BPW Park Department seeks \$ 1,000 for gas and diesel.

**7:07 PM. Padraic Elliot joins the meeting. 8 Members voting

 - Mr. Furtado states that the Park Dept. received the same amount for gas as they did the previous year, and that year required a transfer of the same amount. There was also a need because of storms this winter.

The next fiscal year has been funded at a higher level.

 - Sid motions to transfer \$ 1,000 to BPW Park Dept.- Gasoline & Diesel Acct #001-650-00-5410-00. Seconded by Kim. Vote: Unanimous
 - Water Department seeks \$ 7,000 from the Water Reserve Fund for Utilities: Power.
 - Mr. Furtado states that the overrun was because with the Boston Hill water tank being off line there was a need to run pumps 24/7.
 - Kim motions to transfer \$ 7,000 from the Water Reserve Fund to Utilities-Power Acct.# 025-450-00-5214-00-0575. Seconded by Sid. Vote: Unanimous
 - Rec Center seeks \$ 2,513.59.
 - Mr. Rensehausen states that the money is needed because the existing water heater failed, along with a shut-off valve, and both had to be replaced.
 - The existing tank was replaced with a smaller unit because it was felt the larger model was no longer needed.
 - Dawn questions if the repair was put out to bid.

Mr. Osuch states it was an emergency and this plumbing contractor was the first one available on short notice.
 - Scott questions the balance in the category.

Mr. Rensehausen states that the balance is needed for advertising and staff CPR training.

 - Sid motions to transfer \$ 2,513.59 to Purchase of Services- Repair and Maintenance of Building. Seconded by Kim. Vote: Unanimous
 - Fire Department seeks \$ 2,400 for gasoline.

- Money is needed because of the winter storms and extra ambulance runs.
- Chairman questions Mr. Osuch on when the committee will get the "proper costs" of operating the 3rd ambulance.
 - Scott motions to transfer \$ 2,400 to Gasoline Acct. #01-220-00-5410-00. Seconded by Sid. Vote: Unanimous
- Building Department seeks \$ 98 for office supplies.
 - Money is needed for receipt books for money received by the Building Dept.
 - Kim motions to transfer \$ 98 to Office Supplies Acct. #001-241-00-5420-00-058. Seconded by Sid. Vote: Unanimous
- Tree Warden seeks \$ 3,200 for Payroll.
 - Dept. is running a deficit with Payroll coming up.
 - \$ 2,400 was spent for the Hurricane clean-up alone.
 - Chairman states that this should have been on the Special Town Meeting last May.
 - Discussion of FEMA reimbursement.
 - Mr. Osuch states that the town is expecting approximately \$ 70,000 town wide for the Hurricane.
 - Scott motions to transfer \$ 3,200 to Payroll. Seconded by Sid. Vote: Unanimous
- Emergency Management seeks \$ 150 for Gasoline & Diesel.
 - Money is needed because of Hurricane Sandy and the blizzard.
 - Scott motions to transfer \$ 150 to Gasoline & Diesel. Seconded by Sid. Vote: Unanimous
- Chairman discusses revising Reserve Fund procedures and forms.
 - Chairman had started to revise some of the forms, but they were lost when his computer crashed.
- Discussion of procedures.
- Elimination of departments deficit spending.
- Chairman states that this is his last term on the Finance Committee.
- Discussion of possibly having to meet 1 more time for a Reserve Fund Transfer for Legal Expense. Mr. Osuch is not sure if it will be required.

- Chairman briefly gives his predictions for FY15
 - 2 1/2% plus new growth should bring in approximately \$ 700,000 additional revenue.
 - If all unions settle at the BPW rate, it would add an additional \$ 333,000 to salaries.
 - Veterans services should increase \$ 100,000.
 - Retirement is expected to increase \$ 110,000.
 - GNBVRTHS should increase \$ 75,000.
 - Health insurance is expected to increase \$ 100,000.
 - The increased revenue is already spent just "opening the doors."

- Kim motions to adjourn @ 7:50 PM. Seconded by Sid. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert A. Furtado
Finance Committee Secretary

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