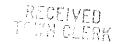


Town of Fairhaven

Town Hall - 40 Centre Street - Fairhaven, MA 02719



MEETING NOTES

2019 CCT 16 P 12: 36

Date, Time, Location:

October 3rd, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M., BPW Administration Building, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA.

Meeting Overview:

- 1. Meeting Called to Order
- 2. Minute review
- 3. Opening Preliminary note from Town Administrator
- 4. Preliminary discussions for articles¹
- 5. Closing Remarks

-Key-

#) = Issue being discussed

* = Notes

! = Votes (Nom/Second)

-/+ = Change in attendance

Member Attendance (5)

- * Padraic Elliott, Bernard F. Roderick, Caroline Roberts, Jessica Dwelly, Chris Fidalgo Town of Fairhaven (2):
- * Mark Rees (Town Admin), Wendy Graves (Finance Director)

Meeting called, October 3rd, Finance Committee, 7:06PM

- 1) Minute Review
- * No comments
- * Figurehead/Seal, Add Date
- ! Jess/Bernard. 5-0

1) Preliminary cash was certified

- * Brought in more revenue & spent less money
- * Pad: Breakdown of spend vs. revenue? _ Mark asked Wendy to send spreadsheets along, cash is mostly from reserve
- 2) Article overview:
- * Water, completed at Spring Town meeting, therefore will not be apart of the meeting
- * Mark: Warning, Police contract, might come in close or past town meeting
- * Pad: Settled contracts (Fire & Sewer), can we have heads come in? _ Mark: Will be arranged.

^{&#}x27;No voting; instead just discussion and calls for attendance for next meeting

- 3) Bills of prior year:
- * \$4,070 = Cleanup operation with New Bedford
- * \$4,240 = Error for billing for Legal
- * Bernard: Budget for legal? Mark: Legal services \$170k, this \$4,240 is in addition (\$4,240 exceeded appropriation)
- * Clifford & Kenny, Mark will follow up with cost
- * \$6,980 = Recurring cost for owned property
- * Jessica: We own property in Mattaposiett, Why? _ Mark: Our water system borrows from Mattaposiett (Mattaposiett owns the wells)
- 4) Article 14:
- * Purpose: Look at budgets, see if we can rectify for town meeting
- * \$1.000 = Cost for funding upcoming election
- * \$2,000 = Unanticipated equipment problem, need maintenance
- * \$10,000 = Backup fire engine service, could affect ratings
- * \$500,000 for new truck, easier to pay \$10k now
- * Jessica: Based on frame issue, should this be driven at all? _ Fire Chief should speak
- * \$241,892 = Special education cost
- * Needed a balance budget, so we funded less; school budget was short
- * Chapter 70, can we use the money to fund this? Doctor Baldwin should speak on this
- * Mark: Ask him for trend analysis on the special education cost to ensure we're not on track for deficit
- * \$7,606 = Budget mistake (part time employee not counted) & reclassification for an employee
- * Funding went to the wrong department (Money was in water and sewer but not in highway)
- * Wind Turbine electric expense
- * Occasionally under budget the expense line item and cannot spend more than appropriate, but money needs to be appropriated regardless of increased revenue
- * Revenue from receipts
- 5) Article 17
- * \$26,000 = Police security lockers (cannot lock weapon lockers)
- * \$38,416 = Fire department stretchers (not meeting standards)
- * Bernard: Delay? Mark: Cannot wait till May
- * Mark: Ambulance receipts should be able to cover
- * Fire Chief should discuss this

(Continued below)

- * Land acquisition
- * Executive session, so not much can be spoken about at this time
- * Pad: Backup information? Mark: Not at this time

+ Kathy Carter joins 7:33PM

- * \$17,000 = Polling station ADA compliant
- * Updated building, which made it public, and therefore needs updating
- * Handicap Access included here
- * (For Article 17 as a whole) Pad: These are capital funding above and beyond where we had appropriated? _ Mark: Yes, most likely from Free Cash fund
- 6) Article 21
- * Specialize savings account for ambulances
- * Can be covered by receipts, but money needs to be appropriated
- 7) Article 27
- * Jessica: Didn't we already vote on this? Mark: Yes, but this is for FY20, we voted on FY19
- * Can be covered by receipts, but money needs to be appropriated
- 8) Article 12
- * Legal word changes, should not impact FinCom
- 9) Article 13
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- 10) For Oxford School project, need additional parking
- * Protected under law (cannot affect park land without equivalent exchange; will be exchanging with another park)
- 11) MS4 Stormwater Mgmt
- * To bring in compliance with State and Federal regulation
- * Outside town pressure to come into compliance
- * Will increase in cost year over year
- * Mark will ask BPW head to appear
- 12) Municipal Fiber Network Consultant
- * Seek consultant for feasibility
- * Caroline: Is this what happened with New Bedford security breach? _ Mark: Valid concern, but security is a prime concern as we move forward
- * Pad: Champion of this article? Mark: Bob Espindola

- 13) General By-Law
- * Not likely to impact FinCom
- 14) Zoning By-Law:
- * Not likely to impact FinCom
- 15) PILOT Authorizations
- * Could save money in electric cost
- * Panels on school roof
- * Panel company seeks property owner, the owner is paid, taxes come into town
- * Specific owners want tax arrangement specified
- 16) Layout & Acceptance of Robert St.
- * [No notes recorded]
- 17) Office hours on Saturday
- * Pad: Why is this required? _ Stated reason: Assist town when calculating dates for elections
- * Town Clerk should appear to explain; _ Mark: Optional appearance, will ask for written clarification first
- 18) Amend Town By-Law Chapter 87
- * Change timing to Spring to make things easier
- * Not likely to impact FinCom
- 19) Amend Town By-Law Chapter 87
- * Not likely to impact FinCom
- 20) People being requested for next week:
- * Fire chief
- * BPW
- * Police chief
- * Dr. Baldwin
- * Optional: Town Clerk, pending paperwork for clarification

Final Notes:

- * Caroline: Could we meet earlier? _ Pad: Would need to discuss as a Committee, more members should be in attendance
- * Bernard discussed FinCom member being a part of capital funding board
- * Specifically for increased flow of information
- * As long as the committee is advisory, we CAN have a member
- * Requires Selectman to vote for member to be added, pending the FinCom's desire for a member
- * MOTION: To submit to Selectmen a request to have a FinCom member on the board of Capital Funding
- ! Bernard/Jessica, 6-0

Close meeting 8:02, Bernard, Jessica

Christopher Fidalgo, Secretary