



ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
TOWN HALL LYON'S ROOM
7:30 PM 3/7/16

ATTENDEES:

Deyst*	White	Caccavaro*	Kellar	McKenna*
DeCoursey*	Wallach*	Harmer*	Gibian*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Bayer*	Duvadie*	
Russell	Beck*	Jones*	Deshler*	
Franclemont*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Turkall*

*Indicates present

MINUTES of 2/29/16 accepted as corrected. Unanimous.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT TASK FORCE: Tosti said the overriding issue is when a plan can come to the FinCom & Town Meeting. The issue is in the STM Warrant and, if necessary, can be postponed until mid-May. A debt exclusion referendum is likely.

BUD 17 PUBLIC WORKS: PubWks SubCom Deshler recommended the parts of this budget as printed except as noted. She, aided by Caccavaro, commented on each sub-budget, also as noted. All votes were unanimous.

17d Natural Resources: The \$100k maintenance increase is to hire arborists to deal with a one year backlog. There is a \$5,500 increase to buy new holiday lights that will be easier to put up & take down. Maintenance of Dallin sculptures is budgeted at \$5k.

VOTED \$1,428,291

17d Town Fields: Cost for maintaining playing fields are split with Recreation.

VOTED \$50,000

17b Engineering: There are 2 retirements. A reorganization is planned. This budget was revised last week.

VOTED \$125,610

17a Administration: Staff sharing with Bedford has been discontinued.

VOTED \$230,054

17e Highways: An oil & gas reduction of \$30k is budgeted. There is a correction for longevity.

VOTED: \$1,611,836

17e Snow & Ice: This line is increased \$75k to get closer to the 10 yr rolling average. Deshler to report on FY16 expense to date.

VOTED \$921,000

17f Motor Equipment Repair: Some reorganization after retirements expected to improve efficiency. Deshler to report on FY16 expense for supplies.

VOTED \$390,649

17c Cemeteries: Perpetual Care Fund balance \$5,920,996; Lots & Graves Fund Balance \$393,346.

VOTED \$253,650

17e Solid Waste: Cost increases are contractual.

VOTED \$3,479,480

17g Street Lighting: Reductions from LEDs continue.

VOTED \$110,000

17g Traffic Signals: Energy savings are expected.

VOTED \$60,000

BUD 18 FACILITIES PubWks SubCom Deshler recommended this budget as printed. The maintenance increase will cover fire system test & maintenance. The training increase will cover software training. Four additional employees will transfer to this department.

VOTED \$578,095

BUD 2a BoS: GenGov SubCom McKenna corrected the budget for an incorrect step increase.

VOTED \$249,737 Unanimous

BUD2b ELECTIONS: After some discussion, The GenGov SubCom agreed to review the budget book figures which are out of line with previous years.

BUD 2c TOWN REPORTS: GenGov SubCom McKenna recommended the budget as printed.

VOTED \$3,500 Unanimous

BUD 2d AUDITING: GenGov SubCom McKenna recommended the budget as printed. He provided a letter from the Comptroller that recommends a more complete & expensive audit.

VOTED \$63,000. Unanimous

BUD 20 INSPECTIONS: ComSaf SubCom Harmer recommended a revision to the budget passed on 2/29. This change incorporates the salary of the new wire inspector.

VOTED \$418,425. Unanimous

BUD 15b RENTAL PROPERTIES: GenGov SubCom Howard recommended the budget as printed. Refer to Minutes 2/29/16 Ref 1 for rental property revenues.

VOTED \$239,648. Unanimous

The Chair reviewed the budgets not yet voted & received commitments from subcommittees on when they will be presented.

COMMITTEE The Manager's new contract will be discussed on Wed with Selectman Dunn.

The Manager will discuss the new position. Revised budget pages were provided at this meeting.

RESERVE FUND Balance \$1,200,000 of which \$200,000 is held for SPED if needed.

Peter Howard 3/8/16 Revised 3/9/16