

Finance Committee Meeting

February 7, 2005

Judge Welsh Hearing Room, Town Hall, Provincetown, MA 02657

Members Present: Ruth Gilbert, Chair, Sue Buerkel, Mark Leach, Robert Vetrick, Walt Winnowski, Gary Delius, Ed Gage and Ginny Ross

Members Excused: Gail Enos, Tom Thurston and Matthew Clark

Also Present: Keith Bergman, Town Manager

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

FY 2006 Budget Review Hearings

Division I General Government

113-Elections & Town Meetings (Doug Johnstone-Town Clerk)

Decrease of 23%

Mark Leach made a motion to approve budget in the amount of \$7,482. Robert Vetrick seconded and it passed 6:0:0.

161-Town Clerk (Doug Johnstone-Town Clerk)

Increase of 1.5%.

Ginny Ross made a motion to instruct Doug Johnstone to look into possibility of raising Business Certificate Fee. Robert Vetrick seconded and it passed 6:0:0.

Robert Vetrick made a motion to approve budget in the amount of \$68,697. Mark Leach seconded and it passed 6:0:0.

Ed Gage arrived at 1:15 p.m.

122-Board of Selectmen

Ginny Ross made a motion of approve budget of \$51,174. Robert Vetrick seconded and it passed 7:0:0.

123-Town Manager (Keith Bergman-Town Manager)

24.1% reflects increase for cost of hiring Asst. Town Manager. Concerns were raised as to necessity of hiring an Asst. Town Manager given that Manor and Pier seem to be on the way to resolve which will free up Town Manager. Discussion of funding for contracted services on an as needed basis rather than hiring full time position.

Mark Leach made a motion to approve budget of \$160,334. Sue Buerkel seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

Gary Delius arrived at 1:35 p.m.

151-Legal Services

25% increase which reflects a more realistic budget as it has always exceeded previously budgeted amounts.

Robert Vetrick made a motion to approve budget of \$175,000. Gary Delius seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

156-Administration

10% decrease.

Mark Leach made a motion to approve budget of \$56,911. Gary Delius seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

157-Land Bank

3.7% decrease.

Robert Vetrick made a motion to approve budget of \$324,344. Ginny Ross seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

169-Licensing (Doug Taylor-Building Commissioner)

.1% increase.

Mark Leach made a motion to approve budget of \$37,958. Gary Delius seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

171-Conservation Commission (Doug Taylor-Building Commissioner)

178% increase,

Gary Delius made a motion to approve budget of \$4,170. Sue Buerkel seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

173-Housing Partnership (Doug Taylor-Building Commissioner)

Level funded.

Robert Vetrick made a motion to approve budget of \$1,060. Ed Gage seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

174-LCP Implementation (Keith Bergman-Town Manager)

Eliminate entire budget of \$10,000 and transfer to Planning Board budget.

Robert Vetrick made a motion to approve elimination of budget. Sue Buerkel seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

175-Planning Board (Doug Taylor-Building Commissioner)

447% increase which includes transfer of LCP budget

Robert Vetrick made a motion to approve budget of \$12,293. Walt Winnowski seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

176-Zoning Board of Appeals (Doug Taylor-Building Commissioner)

2% increase.

Gary Delius made a motion to approve budget of \$2,655. Ginny Ross seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

179-Historical Commission (Doug Taylor-Building Commissioner)

2% increase

Robert Vetrick made a motion to approve budget of \$605. Mark Leach seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

180-Historical District Commission (Doug Taylor-Building Commissioner)

2.1% increase

Mark Leach made a motion to approve budget of \$1,697. Robert Vetrick seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

482-Airport Commission (Butch Lisenby, Airport Manager and Steve Tait, member of Airport Commission)

1.4% increase

Gary Delius made a motion to approve budget of \$89,100. Robert Vetrick seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

499-Cable Advisory Commission (Catherine Russo, Chair and Elissa Brown, Office Manager)

6.9% increase

Ginny Ross made a motion to approve budget of \$67,030. Gary Delius seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

Break from 3:10 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Division II-Finance

131-Finance Committee

Level funded

Robert Vetrick made a motion to approve budget of \$40,300. Ginny Ross seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

135-Town Accountant (Alexandra Heilala-Town Accountant)

8.3% decrease

Gary Delius made a motion to approve budget of \$178,255. Walt Winnowski seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

136-Information Systems Department (Beau Jackett-Director)

11% increase for MUNIS licensing.

Robert Vetrick made a motion to approve budget of \$136,895. Gary Delius seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

141-Board of Assessors (Paul Gavin-Principal Assessor)

23.1% increase

Robert Vetrick made a motion to approve budget of \$183,197. Mark Leach seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

145-Treasurer/Collector (John Fitzgerald, Treasurer and Barry Stephens, Collector)

.9% decrease

Gary Delius made a motion to approve budget of \$175,117. Sue Buerkel seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

710-Debt Services (John Fitzgerald, Treasurer)

24% increase

Mark Leach made a motion to approve budget of \$1,522,322. Walt Winnowski seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

820-Tax Titles (John Fitzgerald, Treasurer)

Level funded

Mark Leach made a motion to approve budget of \$30,000. Walt Winnowski seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

910-Retirement/Benefits/Insurance (John Fitzgerald, Treasurer and Alexandra Heilala, Town Accountant)

2.3% increase

Robert Vetrick made a motion to table vote on this budget. Ed Gage seconded and it passed 8:0:0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary