

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Judge**

**Welsh Meeting Room**

**February 10, 2017**

**Members Present: Mark Hatch, Louise Venden, Duane Steele, Tony Valentino, Kass Goodwin, Mark Bjorstrom**

**Others Presents: Town Manager David Panagore, Finance Director Josee Young**

**The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m.**

**There was a brief discussion about the numbers of voters who turned out for the Harbor Hill public hearing and voting the following day.**

**The School Committee, represented by Tony Brackett and Cass Benson, discussed their previous presentation with the Board of Selectmen and several Finance Committee members. Tony stated that the Provincetown Elementary School is discussing adding one grade at a time toward a high school certificate. It is their International Baccalaureate Program that will provide this partnership. Their budget is approved 6-0-0 with a motion by Louise Vende and seconded by Mark Bjorstrom.**

**Finance/MIS Budget, presented by Beau Jackett, is nearly level funded with small increases in the A & B budget. It was approved 6-0-0 with motion by Mark Bjorstrom and seconded by Tony Valentino. The principle assessor, Scott Fahle, discussed residential exemptions and similar accounts. He is changing the format for the distribution of tax bills. This budget was approved 6-0-0 with a motion by Louise Venden and seconded by Mark Bjorstrom.**

**Library budget, presented by Matt Clark, is level funded. It was approved 6-0-0 with a motion by Mark Bjorstrom and seconded by Duane Steele.**

**Recreation Budget, presented by an unidentified speaker, who explained a small increase in the A budget. It was approved 6-0-0 with a motion by Louise Venden and seconded by Duane Steele.**

**Human Services budget, presented by Chris Hottle, was approved 6-0-0 with a motion by Mark Bjorstrom and seconded by Kass Goodwin.**

**COA budget, presented by Chris Hottle, was approved 6-0-0 with a motion by Tony Valentino and seconded by Mark Bjorstrom.**

**The Finance budget, presented by Josee Young, was approved 6-0-0 with a motion by Mark Bjorstrom and seconded by Tony Valentino.**

**Debt Service budget, presented by Josee Young and David Panagore, was approved 6-0-0 with a motion by Louise Venden and seconded by Duane Steele.**

**Tax Title budget, presented by Josee Young, was approved 6-0-0 with a motion by Kass Goodwin and seconded by Mark Bjorstrom.**

**Retirement Benefits/Insurance budget was presented by Josee Young. There was much discussion regarding the funding for OPEB. The budget was approved 6-0-0 with a motion by Tony Valentino and seconded by Louise Venden.**

**After a lengthy discussion regarding scheduling, the Harbormaster/Pier Corp budgets are moved until 9:00 a.m. on 9/21/17.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Maghi Geary**

