



Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

PROVINCETOWN FINANCE COMMITTEE

Judge Welsh Meeting Room – 10:00 a.m.

October 9, 2014

Members Present: Duane Steele, Mark Hatch, Stan Sikorski, Mike Canizales, Louise Venden

Others Present: Dan Hoort, Finance Director, Mary Jo Avellar, Town Moderator, Robert Anthony, Selectman, and Jim Golden, Acting Police Chief

Discussion opened with the fact that the nearly hired Town Manager candidate has withdrawn his name from consideration. Mike proposed allotting \$40,000 from budget to fund a new search and travel for possible new candidates. Louise motions, Duane seconds and vote is 5-0-2.

The main thrust of the meeting is to consider warrant articles, CIP including, but not limited to, police station, DPW garage, VFW property, 10 year plan, OPED and pension, and any other business which may legally come before the committee.

On the CIP, Dan Hoort stated that his preparation of a ten year plan is stymied by lack of information on what will be needed for capital improvements. He states that any type of financial plan needs to be include information about future capital improvements.

The general discussion that ensued regarding the VFW property is to not demolish it as has been suggested previously, but to use it possibly for town offices, functions, and departments. Robert Anthony commented that, as an individual not as selectman, any discussion of demolishing the VFW property was premature.

The housing issue, including Mike's suggestion of earmarking 4 million dollars in the near future for rental housing units, was discussed. While everyone agrees that the need is imperative for rental

housing in town, there appears to be a need for professional help in handling the factors related to this urgent problem.

The DPW building discussion included many more cons than pros, and ended with a discussion of whether or not the Town could afford a building to shelter a fleet of DPW vehicles.

Acting Police Chief Golden's budget included items that are to simply seal the current police department building from the elements. He noted that his requests were entirely to make the building watertight from flooding and leaking.

Mike stated that we need a sense of the group for the upcoming joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen. 1. The general consensus is that we cannot afford the DPW building; 2. We need to allocate money for affordable rentals; and 3. \$200,000 would make the police department usable and safer from the elements. The propane generator will have to be an item for another year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Maghi Geary