

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, Thursday, February 22, 2001 Judge Welsh Meeting Room, Town Hall, Provincetown, MA 02657

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Dougal at 4:05 P.M.

Those present were Chairman Bill Dougal, Sue Buerkel, Irene Rabinowitz, Gordon Siegel, Jennifer Bedard, Gail Enos, and Rick Holland. Alice Foley and Robert Vetrick were excused.

I. The minutes from February 20, 2001 were approved 5-0-1.

II. Bill Dougal handed out the following information

- ⇒ February 21, 2001 memo from DPW regarding their Budget Overview
- ⇒ February 22, 2001 memo from Town Manager with Proposed Budget Cuts to Offset 22% Group Health Insurance Increases

III. Bill Dougal discussed his response to Jim Cole, Director of the Library Board of Trustees. He reiterated that the Finance Committee was having a preliminary discussion and the increased figures they were discussing were just estimates. He thinks Jim was satisfied.

IV. **Continued Review of FY 2002 Budget and Articles**

Division III Public Safety

⇒ 210-Police (Chief Anthony)

reduction of \$26,000 will be made ^[1]

Irene Rabinowitz made a motion, Gail Enos seconded and it passed unanimously.

⇒ 211-Police Station (Chief Anthony)

Rick Holland made a motion, Sue Buerkel seconded and it passed unanimously.

⇒ 220-Fire (DRM)

Irene Rabinowitz made a motion, Gail Enos seconded and it passed unanimously.

⇒ 231-Ambulance

Irene Rabinowitz made a motion, Gordon Siegel seconded and it passed unanimously.

⇒ 296-Shellfish (Tony Jackett)

Gail Enos made a motion, Sue Buerkel seconded and it passed unanimously.

****Ruth Gilbert arrived at 4:35 P.M. and apologized for being late****

⇒ 299-Parking (Don Richards)

Bill Dougal asked if there was any reason to think that there were any cash thefts at any of the lots. Don assured that they have a system of checks and balances and there was no indication of any theft.

Rick Holland made a motion, Gordon Siegel seconded and it passed unanimously.

⇒ 291-Emergency Management (Earle Chaddock)

Rick Holland made a motion, Gail Enos seconded and it passed unanimously.

⇒ 543-Veterans (Earle Chaddock) *Division V*

Irene Rabinowitz made a motion, Gordon Siegel seconded and it passed unanimously.

⇒ 240-Inspections (Judith Oset)

Rick Holland suggested looking into ways to possible increase revenues in this department.

Ruth Gilbert made a motion, Irene Rabinowitz seconded and it passed unanimously.

⇒ 241-DRM (Judith Oset)

Gordon Siegel made a motion, Sue Buerkel seconded and it passed unanimously.

Bill Dougal praised Judith for the job that she has done with that department in terms of professionalizing it. Ruth Gilbert reiterated the same.

⇒ 294-Harbor Committee

Irene Rabinowitz made a motion, Sue Buerkel seconded and it passed unanimously.

⇒ 295-HarborMaster/Wharf

Keith is proposing a cut of \$4,000 as current Superintendent is leaving and replacement will start at a lower salary. Rick Holland asked if there were any ways to increase revenue. Keith reminded committee that when the Pier Corporation is established that the town will basically be out of the pier business and there will be a redefining of the department with a reduction in its budget.

Rick Holland made a motion, Gordon Siegel seconded and it passed unanimously.

Division IV-Public Works/Water/Wastewater

Sandra Turner, Public Works Operations Manager, David Guertin, Director of Public Works, Craig Weiland, Director of Water Department gave presentation.

⇒ 192-Buildings & Grounds

Concern was raised that if this budget gets approved the 4 trial employees that were approved provisionally last year will become permanent and if some town buildings get sold that we won't need them in the future.

Rick Holland made a motion to approve on a provisional basis again this year due to shifting inventory, Irene Rabinowitz seconded. David Guertin requested that the proviso be eliminated because of the message it sends to employees. He also stated that budgets are open to revisions every year. Keith suggested that continuing to receive quarterly reports from DPW is a good way of keeping abreast of the department's needs.

Rick Holland stated that he was willing to rescind his motions of DPW really believes that it would affect employee morale. Irene Rabinowitz rescinded her second.

Gordon Siegel made a motion to approve as written, Gail Enos seconded and it passed unanimously with quarterly reports to continue.

⇒ 421-Administration

Irene Rabinowitz made a motion, Rick Holland seconded and it passed unanimously.

⇒ 422-Highway

Gordon Siegel made a motion, Sue Buerkel seconded and it passed unanimously.

⇒ 423-Snow & Ice

Gail Enos made a motion, Sue Buerkel seconded and it passed unanimously.

⇒ 439-Waste Disposal

Rick Holland made a motion, Sue Buerkel seconded and it passed unanimously.

⇒ 440-Wastewater Enterprise Fund

Ruth Gilbert made a motion, Sue Buerkel seconded and it passed unanimously.

⇒ 450-Water Enterprise Fund

Irene Rabinowitz made a motion, Gordon Siegel seconded and it passed unanimously.

V. Reminder that February 27, 2001 meeting with School Committee is from 5:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M.

VI. Keith reviewed the Proposed Budget Cutback memo

VII. Bill Dougal corrected his statement of last week that if Truro withdrew from Provincetown Schools the lost revenue would be \$2-300,00 not \$800,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Lutsky

Recording Secretary

[1] See February 22, 2001 memo Proposed Budget Cuts