

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, Thursday March 2, 2001

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

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Chair Bill Dougal called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

Those present were Chairman Bill Dougal, Ruth Gilbert, Gail Enos, Rick Holland, Irene Rabinowitz and Jennifer Bedard.

Town Moderator Rosalyn Garfield was also present

Excused absence from Gordon Siegel and Sue Buerkel

Also absent were Robert Vetrick and Alice Foley

I. The minutes of February 27th were approved (5 approved, 1 abstention)

II. Meeting Schedule

Originally, our capital improvements public hearing was scheduled for next Tuesday March 6, 2001 at 4:00pm. We need to defer it to Thursday March 15th at 4:00pm. We already have a meeting scheduled for that date. We will add to it the public hearing on CIP. Irene Rabinowitz and Ruth Gilbert may be absent. Keith Bergman, Town Manager stated that the department is prepared to make their presentation as previously arranged on the 6th but we could just move the public hearing to the 15th because of the time frame for posting the notice.

CIP review will continue to be next Tuesday March 6th, but votes for the formal public hearing will be on March 15th.

Review of FY 2002 Budget and Articles

1st Major Agenda Item

Division V. Public Services

511- Health/Conservation Agent (DRM)

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

513- Board of Health

Ruth Gilbert made a motion to approve, Gail Enos seconded and it passed unanimously.

512- Public Health Nurse

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

541- Council on Aging

Rick Holland made a motion to approve, Ruth Gilbert seconded and it passed unanimously.

610- Library Operating Budget

Director and Members of Board were present

Information on the Selected Library Annual Circulation and the Library Total Annual Circulation were handed out.

Keith Bergman stated that this was one of the budgets agreed to be cut by the Board of Selectman.

Previously, the library has been under spending on materials (books, subscriptions, films) and if they do not meet the 20% of their operating budget requirement they could lose their certification.

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

620- Public Services and Administration

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

630- Recreation

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

651- Beautification

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

671- Heritage Museum

Ruth Gilbert made a motion to reduce the budget by \$3,500 (the money allotted to maintain the Museum's collection). The motion failed.

Irene Rabinowitz moved to approve, Gail Enos seconded. It passed with a 4:2 vote.

672- Art Commission

The commission would like to publish a calendar of Town-owned art to be distributed cape-wide and perhaps at major bookstores, with an initial budget of \$4,000 which would hopefully be offset by sales of the calendar.

The Finance Committee appreciated the spirit of the efforts, but felt that a calendar was a limiting media tool since it is only valid for one year. They suggest postcards or posters. They would feel more comfortable approving this budget if they could speak directly to members of the Art Commission.

Ruth Gilbert made a motion to defer 672, Gail Enos seconded it and it passed unanimously.

699- Tourism

Irene Rabinowitz needed to step down for this budget due to a conflict. She left the room.

Bill Dougal raised the issue of the possibility of greater synergy between PBG, Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism Board including one advertising messages. Patricia Fitzpatrick, Tourism Director explained that although attempts have been made to do this, there are multiple messages from Provincetown and the Tourism boards supports those of the PBG and the Chamber as well as putting out its own.

Rick Holland made a motion to approve, Ruth Gilbert seconded and it passed unanimously.

2nd Major Agenda Item

525 Cape End Manor Enterprise Fund

Presentation by Dennis Anderson, Cape End Manor CEO and Administrator Eileen Thomas.

Irene Rabinowitz returned to the meeting.

Review of Cape End Manor FY 2002 Budget Review handed out by Dennis Anderson.

Bill Dougal brought up the issue that a collective bargaining unit could be the deal breaker between the proposed transfer of license of the Cape End Manor. They should seek labor counsel in order to be prepared for this. The Finance Committee asked for more information on the large difference between the FY 2001 Budgeted deficit and the FY 2001 Projected deficit, in order to better explain it to tax payers at Town Meeting. Also, if there could be a more realistic projection for the FY 2002 Budgeted deficit and the FY 2002 Projected deficit, so the probable and actual is not so varied in the future. A suggestion was made as to the possibility of taking the Cape End Manor out of the enterprise funds.

A motion was made to table the consideration of the Cape End Manor budget until March 8th. Irene Rabinowitz approved, Gail Enos seconded and it passed unanimously.

III. A motion was made that there was no further business of FinCom for the evening, Irene Rabinowitz approved, Ruth Gilbert seconded and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bedard
Secretary

