

MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

APRIL 14, 2016

PRESENT: Marc Schaeen (Chair), Al Correia, Bob DeVita, Joyce Lavigne, Chuck Miklosovich, Chris Morin, Mike Nicholson, Jeff Niro, Michael Schiavi, Michael Soares and John Tennaro

Members not present: Aldo Cecchi, Phil Ciaramicoli, Jerry Hiatt, Vinny Valastro

Also present: Richard Villani, Town Administrator; Zachary Taylor, Town Accountant/Financial Director; Chris Pilla, Town Treasurer; and Bill Buckley, Selectman.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Highway Department: Scott Crisafulli reported on the EPA permit coming out in July for a five year permit. There is no amount on this permit as yet.

Article 34 – Parks Department – To purchase a truck to replace a 2001 year model truck. Mike Soares moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 35 – Upper Charles Trail : The taking of land for the purpose of providing a pedestrian connection from the Upper Charles Trail to the Towns Conservation Land to Walden Woods Development: Michael Schiavi moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Bob DeVita, all in favor. (10-0)

Bob DeVita moved to reopen for discussion Article 27, seconded by Chris Morin, all in favor.

Al Correia moved to reconsider Article 27, seconded by Bob DeVita, all in favor.

Article 27 – School Committee: \$300,000 – For the purpose of building the network infrastructure at Brookside Elementary School, Memorial Elementary School, Stacy Middle and Milford High School: Bob DeVita reported that the School Committee should show an implementation plan to the Finance Committee. Discussion followed and it was decided that the School Committee should come back to the FinCom. Bob DeVita moved to table Article 27 pending another meeting with the School Committee, seconded by Chris Morin, 9 in favor, 1 opposed (Al Correia).

Article 17 – Commission on Disability: Mike Schiavi moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Mike Soares, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 20 – Water St. LLC: Chris Morin moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Bob DeVita, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 21 – Planning Board/Board of Selectmen: Chris Morin moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Mike Soares, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 15 – Board of Selectmen- Money to repair or the replacement of the front stairs and railings at the Milford Police Headquarters: John Tennaro moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Chris Morin, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 16 – Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee – Changes in By-Laws: Mike Schiavi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Chris Morin, 9 in favor, 1 opposed (Mike Soares).

Article 18 – Board of Selectmen – Monies to fund the salary of the Finance Director for FY2016: Al Correia moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Bob DeVita, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 22 – Board of Selectmen – Funds to complete the existing 2nd floor space at the Senior Center: Mike Nicholson moved for an unfavorable recommendation, seconded by Al Correia, 8 in favor, 2 opposed (Bob DeVita and Joyce Lavigne).

Article 25 – Board of Selectmen - \$10,000 – To be spent for the retainage of Engineering Consultants to assist with design, cost estimates, grant writing: Chris Morin moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 30- Board of Selectmen - \$4000 – For the purpose of upgrading and replacement of exterior lighting at the Milford Police Headquarters: Chris Morin moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jeff Niro, all in favor. (10-0)

John Tennaro left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Article 36 – Town Treasurer – To amend TM vote of the 2-10-14 Special Town Meeting by reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed from bonding the Woodland School Project: Chris Morin moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jeff Niro, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 38 – Finance Director – To see if the Town will vote to close out certain Special Article Accounts to the General Funds: Al Correia moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Schiavi, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 39 – Finance Director – Tabled to 4-17-16.

Article 33 – Finance Committee - \$106,000 – To offset any fiscal year 2016 deficit in the snow and ice account: Chris Morin moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (9-0)

Police Budget: Mike Schiavi reported that the union contract is \$82,000; the 2017 budget increase is 2.4%. Mike Schiavi moved to accept the Police Budget as present, seconded by Bob DeVita, all in favor. (9-0)

Chris Morin moved to adjourn, seconded by Jeff Niro, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents reviewed: Town Meeting Warrant