

**MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2013**

Present: Marc Schaen, (Chair), Aldo Cecchi, Al Correia, John Tennaro, Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst, Will Kingkade and Chris Morin.

Members not present: Phil Ciaramicoli, Bob DeVita and John Kelley.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Marc Schaen reported that he would like a letter sent out to all department heads that their budgets should be level funded. Discussion followed concerning the governor's budget increase of 2 1/2 percent and the committee agreed that the Town's budget increase should be 2 percent. Aldo Cecchi reported that he would like to have each department head tell their sub-committee what the 2 percent increase will mean to them.

Discussions: Cost of contract negotiations, personnel layoffs and the need to see where the 2 percent increase will go.

Paul Abbondanza will send out a letter to the departments stating the recommendation of the Budget Subcommittee it a 2 percent increase and to please review their budgets with their subcommittees and turn the budgets in by March 11, 2013. The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on March 13, 2013 and they will look over the budgets at that time. Budgets are due to be submitted to the Town Accountant by March 15, 2013.

A memo from Michael Santora, Town Engineer to Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli was discussed. The memo concerned an inspection and safety report on the Louisa Lake Dam last year by GZA and they have submitted it to DCR-ODS as required. The report rates the overall physical condition of the dam as "poor" due to woody vegetation and small trees on the main dam and Dikes No. 1 and No. 2. GZA has estimated the cost of these repairs to be \$130,000 to \$240,000.

Marc Schaen reported that he and Dave Morganelli went to the Youth Center meeting Monday and it was suggested that a consultant be hired to do a 3-5 year study plan. Selectman Brian Murray was present at this meeting and suggested doing a renovation of the building study. It was also discussed that the United Way still has not reimbursed the Town the \$30,000.

Aldo Cecchi moved to issue a letter to the departments stating the 2 percent increase in budgets, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor.

John Tennaro moved to adjourn, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents reviewed:

Anticipated Revenues/Expenditures FY2014 and

Memo regarding Louisa Lake Dam Inspection.