



Freetown Finance Committee

2015

October 5, 7:00 PM

Meeting was called to order 7:11 PM

Finance Committee Chairman Brad Paiva stated:

We will vote the articles for the Special Town Meeting concurrently with the BOS.

Article: To see if Town will amend Article 10 Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan by replacing the current chart with the following chart (not listed here) or take any other action in relation thereto.

Lisa made a motion to approve with 1.5% increase (cost of living figures provided by Federal Government) in conjunction with first two articles. Paul seconded – approved.

Joel made a motion to approve with changes. Bob seconded – approved.

Article: To see if Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ ____ for FY2016 for the purpose of funding the personnel costs associated in the change of the Article 10.9 Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan chart as listed (not listed here).

Included with the above article.

Article: To see if Town will vote to raise , appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of money as may be necessary to supplement the budgets and fix the annual salary of the following elected officers (not listed here) of the Town as provided by Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws, as amended for the FY2016, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Included is a 3% increase for Town Clerk and Highway. Lisa made a motion to approve with a 1.5% increase for Town Clerk, Highway, and Tree Warden. Paul seconded – approved.

Bob made a motion to accept with changes. Kent seconded – approved.

Article: To see if Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,403.37 as is necessary to supplement the personnel cost of the BOS budget as amended for FY2016, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Lisa made a motion to accept the article with a 50% cut reducing the amount to \$1,702.00. Paul seconded – approved.

Kent made a motion to accept with changes. Joel seconded – approved. Bob opposed.

B. E. Paiva
Chairman



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Article: To see if Town will vote to transfer funds, in the amount of \$76,496.65 from the FY2016 appropriation voted at the Annual Town Meeting of June 15, 2015 in Article 18 for the purpose of funding first year cost items contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) between the Town and Town Hall, Library, Highway Department, Full Time Firefighters, 911 Signal Operators, in the amount and category presented in the supplementary schedule and/or take any action relative thereto.

Lisa made a motion to approve. Paul seconded – approved.

Kent made a motion to approve. Joel seconded – approved.

Article: To see if Town will vote to raise, appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,000.00 to repair and maintain Town owned buildings, grounds and vehicles, and/or take any action relative thereto.

\$5,000 if for mold at the Police Station, and \$3,000 for a broken fence. Maintenance budget of \$25,000 is nearly depleted with a balance of \$13,487.00 left which is not part of capital.

Paul made a motion to approve. Lisa seconded – approved.

Bob made a motion to approve. Kent seconded – approved.

Article: To see if Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,000.00 to remove dead and/or hazardous trees from the Plummer Burial Ground, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Can't get to the trees with a bucket so they will need to be climbed. Mark said he may be able to do it cheaper. Can we go in by the Simpson Lane side which is the Mary Brown field. Richard wants no one on his field. There are five trees that need to be removed.

Lisa made a motion to approve. Paul seconded – approved.

Kent made a motion to approve. Joel seconded – approved. Bob abstained.

Article: To see if Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000.00 for the purpose of supplementing the Collection and Disposal expense budget for single stream recycling costs, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Single stream used to be no cost now there is a charge. New Bedford Waste pays \$40.00 per ton. Peter Borges is requesting \$25,000.00 but it could be less.

Lisa made a motion to approve the \$25,000.00. Paul seconded – approved.

Bob made a motion to approve. Joel seconded – approved.



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Article: To see if Town will vote to appropriate \$1,702,000.00 to undertake repairs and/or reconstruction to the bridge on Locust Street at the junction of Mill Street and to the 1886 single-arch bridge on South Main Street.

Chuck felt that the Town would not pass the \$1.7 mil and suggested phase one be performed on each bridge for the cost of \$822,000.00, or complete one bridge and wait on the second. Federal funds are not available. There are just the two bridges left. South Main Street would shut down four corners shutting down business in that area. Phase one takes care of scour problem and repointing. Phase two will mill down road, readjust water lines, steel beams for 1886. Can we use free cash or get a 5 year loan or bond. \$822,000.00 is estimate, actual amount depends on bids. Potentially can borrow at under 2% interest.

Lisa made a motion to approve the \$1.7 mil and take out the contingency of 2-1/2. Paul seconded- approved.

Bob made a motion to approve taking out the contingency. Joel seconded – approved.

Article: To see if Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,268.00 for the purpose of supplementing the educational assessment budget for Old Colony based on the FY2016 enrollment of students and/or take action relative thereto.

92 students are slotted – two were returned – 90 total. Sometimes less are sent. Cost per student went up. Use dollar figure and divide by number of kids so count changes as necessary. Lisa suggested we bring it back to 90 students.

Paul made a motion to approve. Lisa seconded – approved.

Joel made a motion to approve. Paul seconded – approved.

Article: To see if Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,632.20 for the purpose of supplementing the transportation assessment budget for Old Colony based on the final FY2016 annual contract for transportation services and/or take any action relative thereto.

Lisa made a motion to approve. Paul seconded – approved.

Joel made a motion to approve. Kent seconded – approved.

Article: To see if Town will vote in accordance with General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 12, clause (b), to ratify the contract between Town for the benefit of Highway Dept, Transfer Station and Building Dept, and Water Dept and Clean Rentals, Inc for uniform services for the period July 9, 2014 thru July 9, 2019, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Three year contract to five year contract – no money requested.



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Lisa made a motion to approve. Paul seconded – approved.

Article: To see if Town will vote to amend its vote taken under Article 18 of the Annual Town Meeting held March 8, 1969, by reducing the number of members of the Conservation Commission from seven to five, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Changing seven members to five members as they have difficulty getting a quorum – no money requested.

Lisa made a motion to approve. Paul seconded – approved.

Article: To see if Town will vote to accept as a Town way the roadway entitled Kendyl Lane in its entirety.

Meeting to be held October 6, 2015, should be no issues – no money requested.

Lisa made a motion to approve. Paul seconded – approved.

Article: To see if Town will vote to accept as a Town way the roadway entitled Pinecone Lane in its entirety.

Lisa made a motion to approve. Paul seconded – approved.

Article: To see if Town will vote to supplement the amount raised from Sewer Enterprise Revenues for FY2016, previously voted in Article 15 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 15, 2015 by \$7,000.00 to be allocated to the general fund for the purpose of funding increases in indirect costs previously appropriated in the Omnibus Budget, Article 1, of the Annual Town Meeting of June 15, 2015 and/or take any action relative thereto.

Based on calculation of 2014 letter from auditor.

Paul made a motion to approve. Lisa seconded – approved.

Bob made a motion to approve. Joel seconded – approved.

Article: To see if Town will vote to transfer \$50,000.00 from retained earnings in the Water Enterprise Fund to supplement Water operating expenses for purchased water and/or take any action relative thereto.

Needed to pay Fall River for water and sewage. This is a reallocation/transfer.

Lisa made a motion to approve. Paul seconded – approved.

Bob made a motion to approve. Kent seconded – approved.



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Lisa made a motion to approve. Paul seconded – approved.

Paul made a motion to approve. Bob seconded – approved.

Article: To see if Town will vote to supplement the amount raised from Water Enterprise Revenues for FY2016, previously voted in Article 13 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 15, 2015 by sum of \$16,696.00 to be allocated to the general fund for the purpose of funding increases in indirect costs previously appropriated in the Omnibus Budget, Article 1, of the Annual Town Meeting of June 15, 2015 and/or take any action relative thereto.

Lisa made a motion to approve. Paul seconded – approved.

Bob made a motion to approve. Paul seconded – approved.

Article: To see if Town will vote to transfer from free cash in the general fund \$202,539.00 to the Water Enterprise Fund for the purpose of subsidizing the principal of \$149,438 and interest of \$53,101.00 on the serial state house note issued April 3, 2009 for the water pump station and/or take any action relative thereto.

This is a transfer to pay note and reimburse Enterprise Fund for Braley Road pressure. Finish note with State House Loan at 6% which there are three more payments. Disperse rest to customers that were charged.

Paul made a motion to approve. Lee seconded – Lisa abstained.

Bob made a motion to approve. Kent seconded – approved.

Article: To see if Town will vote to amend Article 11, Section 11.19 of its Protective By-laws.

For in-law apartments to receive permits for five-year intervals vs. \$1,000 for yearly inspections with zoning approval.

Paul made a motion to approve. Lisa seconded – approved.

Article: To see if Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be deposited into the Stabilization Fund and/or take any action relative thereto.

Lisa made a motion to put on Town Meeting. Paul seconded – approved.

Bob made a motion to put on Town Meeting. Joel seconded – approved.



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Article: Emergency Reserve Fund to Water Enterprise Fund \$50,000.00.

What is maintenance vs emergency. Total \$51, 242.00. Added article.

Lisa made a motion to approve. Paul seconded – approved.

Bob made a motion to approve. Joel seconded – approved.

Meeting adjourned 7:38 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Lois Amaral
