



Freetown Finance Committee

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July 10, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

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Members present: George, Kent, Gary, Bob, Mikki, Joel

George called the meeting to order 7:00 – started with Transfer requests

Transfer from Reserve Fund \$16,244.35 for Town Counsel to Pay KP Law – discussion: why so high? BOS allowed a drop from the Union and penalties have ensued.

Motion made by Bob to approve, seconded by Gary – unanimous.

Transfer from the Reserve Fund \$839.00 for Transfer Station Salary/Wages to pay rest of FY2017 – discussion: only \$769.92 left in Reserve Fund.

Motion made by Bob to reduce amount to \$769.92, seconded by Mikki – unanimous.

Motion made by Bob to approve transfer of \$769.92, seconded by Kent – unanimous.

Transfer of funds from Health Insurance to Medicare \$3278.98 for employee portion – discussion: none.

Motion made by Bob to approve, seconded by Gary – unanimous.

Transfer of funds from CO 30 personnel to CO 31 overtime \$11,194.68 – discussion: none.

Motion made by Bob to approve, seconded by Mikki – unanimous.

Transfer of funds from Police 30 personnel to Police 31 overtime \$26,418.40 – discussion: this bears quarterly monitoring by the Town Manager.

Motion made by Bob to approve, seconded by Kent – unanimous.

Transfer of funds from Trans Transport to Transfer Station Waste Removal \$5,000.00 – discussion: have a negative balance of \$5,370.83, where is the additional money coming from (unknown).

Motion made by Bob to approve, seconded by Kent – unanimous.

Motion made by Bob to approve the minutes of June 20, 2017, seconded by Kent – unanimous.

Request from Allie a report on special items so information can be shared. Would like it by line item so FinCom can sift necessary info from her report. Would like department heads to attend FinCom meetings.

Motion was made by Bob to review finances quarterly, seconded by Mikki – approved by 3-2 vote.

Gary stated the February report for Police showed O/T vs. personnel was not excessive.

George would like to initiate an information campaign as it is FinCom's duty to get information to taxpayers. Propose to get facts on projects, inclusive of cost of project and cost to taxpayer. Educate them so that they can vote with confidence that their tax dollars are going where they should be going.

Next meeting will be with BOS to cover Town Meeting times, postings, notifications, and special interest. Check with town by-laws to see if changes are possible. Develop a working relationship with BOS.

Motion made by Bob to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kent – unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 7:59

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Amaral, Senior Clerk, Finance Committee