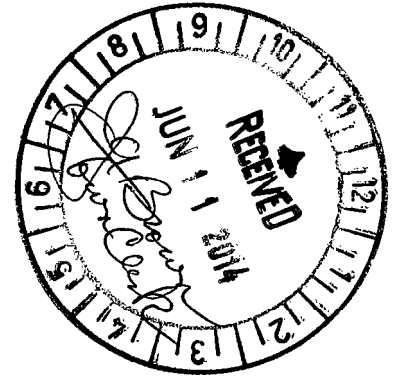


Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 22, 2014 @ 7:00 PM



Brad called meeting to order 7:00 PM

Transfer request for funding for a new pick-up truck for the Highway Department. The two current vehicles did not pass inspection; one has a cracked frame, the other Laronda said was not repairable.

Chuck has been looking at used trucks all having 20,000-40,000 miles with pricing from \$14,000-17,000. A new F150 can be purchased at the municipal price of \$16,995 with a warranty and would last for 15 plus years.

The truck could also be used for the COA brown bag when available.

Motion to accept request by Phil, seconded by Kent, Bob abstained - motion carried

Library: \$109,020 - \$110,225. Down from LY. Dorothy explained LY was \$114,695 and was increasing to \$115,460 for an increase of \$765. \$5675 was on a separate line for the combined total of \$114,695. White Library includes electric, oil, heat and the rest is all included in the Hathaway Library.

Dorothy got an estimate for the windows to be replaced and submitted it to Richard: \$8741 and \$3324 not including labor or installation. Was requested that she obtain estimates for installation for next week's meeting.

Had repairs done to the furnace which came from the budget.

Moderator: no discussion

Board of Selectmen: has been ill funded for years. Increase includes cell phones for the Selectmen, office supplies and postage.

Dues and membership expenses are about \$1322 to MA Municipal Membership.

Postage meter is for all town offices.

Town Administrator: report is correct. PT float position was put to FT for a salary increase from \$11,020 to \$28,613. FT position will cover all town offices and the COA.

Finance Committee: no discussion

Reserve: same. Current balance after deduction of pick-up truck is \$91,317.32.

Audit: reduced to \$20,000. Put out requests for proposals. New contract with Roselli & Clark for \$19,900.

Town Council: \$45,000 with possibility of more funding which may be needed for Fall River water and inter-municipality costs.

Management Info Systems: \$20,820 - \$31,000. Monies for system are small. Would like to bring in a consultant in WEB proficiency, software, and upgrades. Hardware needs replacing. Many types a simple app like Word will not open. Need a 5-yr plan.

Would like a cost of upgrades from all departments.

Paul S. wanted to put in an article but it is past deadline. Change dollars from the floor at meeting as Richard said that he did put in an article.

Zoning & Appeals: no discussion

Public Buildings: \$1,000 for repair bill, salary.

Property Insurance: monies for all vehicles and the new vehicle for the Highway Department. There was a discrepancy in the report which Lisa requested be fixed and new reports to be reviewed at next meeting. Richard said he would get the reports completed.

Town Rep: no discussion

Weights & Measures: no discussion

EMA: this year we may have to pay for Belmore claim. LY was expenses for snow storm. Any excess monies go to the general funds.

Harbor Master: no discussion

School Stipend: no discussion

Freetown Lakeville Schools: \$9,054,880

Bristol Aggie: \$32,623. We are charged \$1717 tuition per student. Currently 18 students go there for a cost of \$30,906.

OCRVTHS: \$1,552,229. LY the state raised the tuition. Currently 90 students attending. Hold for Monday's meeting.

Arts Council: no discussion

Historical Commission: no discussion

Judgments: no discussion

Capital: Windows, animal control, computer system - \$165,741.

- Leases: Fire Department -\$ 42,469, \$65,910
 - Highway Department - \$29,405, \$36,031, \$10,552
 - IT - \$16,000
 - Police Department - \$14,265, \$14,547, \$13,157, \$15,000

Carlton stated that the cost of leasing vehicles was \$86,436 for a total of six vehicles but TY only had four leased vehicles. The extra monies get put into the general funds. He would like to keep the budget at \$86,500 as NY he will be at the six vehicles which is in line with state mandates for the program.

Next meeting: Monday, April 28, 2014 @6:30

Brad adjourned meeting at 8:56
