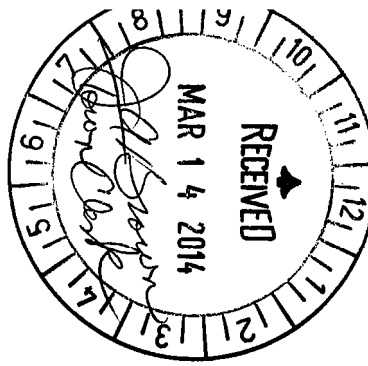


Finance Committee
Meeting Notes
04/16/13



accepted
Bob
4/14/13

Meeting called to order at 6:34

Paul Sadek requested a moment of silence for the Boston Marathon bombings

Lakeville's override ballot question will be on May 18th. The town is requesting an override in the amount of \$1.5m. If this passes it would mean \$1.16m over net school spending for Lakeville, and \$758k over net school spending for Freetown giving the school a budget of over \$33m. (\$33,162,372). \$8.972m from Freetown, \$12m from Lakeville, \$11m other revenue, \$397,629 grants, and \$140,450 transfer funds.

Special Town Meeting Articles reviewed and voted on:

Article 1 – Communications Operators \$9,648

This is a contractual obligation of wages due to the communications department.

Motion to accept made by Paul Denault – seconded by Kathy Paiva – all in favor to accept

Article 2 – Fire Department Chainsaw \$655.94

This is a matching grant

Motion to accept made by Bob Alderson – seconded by Paul Denault – all in favor to accept

Article 3 – Post War Rehab - \$504.10

This is a transfer request with no budget impact

Motion to accept made by Paul Denault – seconded by Bob Alderson – all in favor to accept

Article 4 – Retiree Premium Contribution \$4,443.14

This will be a recurring charge – must be paid as part of a contractual obligation

Motion to accept made by Bob Alderson – seconded by Kathy Paiva – all in favor to accept

Article 5 – Village School \$121k

Motion to accept made by Bob Alderson – seconded by Ken Wilkins – all in favor to accept

Article 6 - Short Term Investment Verizon Refund \$20,378.91

This is an interest only payment which was part of a total payment of \$71k as part of a lawsuit settled with Verizon. It has already been paid.

Motion to accept made by Bob Alderson – seconded by Paul Denault – all in favor to accept

Article 7 – Short term interest Bridge \$4,377.60

Motion to accept made by Ken Wilkins – seconded by Bob Alderson – all in favor to accept

Annual Town Meeting Articles reviewed and voted on:

Article 3 – Tree Warden Pest Control \$455

Motion to accept made by Ken Wilkins – seconded by Bob Alderson – all in favor to accept

Article 4 – Women’s Center of New Bedford \$2,000

This is an annual contribution made to the Women’s center each year

Motion to accept made by Bob Alderson – seconded by Kathy Paiva – all in favor to accept

Article 5 - Assessors 14-16 Recertification \$30k

This is part of a regular schedule of recertification fees made by the town

Motion to accept made by Paul Denault – seconded by Bob Alderson – all in favor to accept

Article 6 – Alarm Revolving Account \$0

This has no budgetary impact

Motion to accept made by Kathy Paiva – seconded by Bob Alderson – all in favor to accept

Article 7 – Planning Zoning By-Law \$0

Finance Committee has decided not to give an opinion on this article

Article 8 – Proposition 2 ½

Finance Committee has decided not to give an opinion on this article

Article 9 – Parade and Fireworks \$3k

This is a yearly contribution made each year by the town to help fund the 4th of July parade and fireworks. If the parade or fireworks do not find funding from other resources, these funds will remain in the general fund.

Motion to accept made by Kathy Paiva – seconded by Paul Denault – 3 to 2 vote with 1 abstaining from the vote

Article 10 – Cemetery Maintenance Employee - \$0

This would allow the cemetery to pay one of its members to maintain the cemetery.

This is a dead motion as there are impacts that would make this unethical

Article 10 – Cemetery Assonet Buring ground driveway \$20k

To be revisited once a meeting can be arranged with the highway department.

Article 11 – Veteran’s graves \$500

Motion to accept made by Bob Alderson – seconded by Paul Denault – all in favor to accept

Article 12 – SRPEDD Senior Housing \$6.5k

For work beyond their normal scope of work

Motion to accept made by Paul Denault – seconded by Ken Wilkins – all in favor to accept

Article 13 – Town Website \$7k

To update the Town website

Motion to accept made by Bob Alderson – seconded by Paul Denault – all in favor to accept

Article 14 – Police and COA Building Feasibility study \$65k

This is to have an outside consultant come in to determine the needs of the town offices. This study would take into consideration each department’s needs, as well as any state or federal requirements for said departments. There would be some rough schematics provided to the town.

Motion to accept made by Paul Denault – seconded by Kathy Paiva – all in favor to accept with Bob Alderson abstaining from the vote.

Article 15 – Forestry Turnout Gear \$1,326

Motion to accept made by Bob Alderson – seconded by Paul Denault – all in favor to accept

Article 2 – Town Departmental salaries

Bob motion to move that the regional finance committee receive no compensation to mirror Lakeville, which was then seconded by Paul Denault with all in favor to accept

A motion was made to accept prior meeting notes as reviewed

Motion to accept made by Bob Alderson – seconded by Paul Denault – all in favor to accept

Motion to adjourn made by Kathy Paiva and seconded by Ken Wilkins