



Freetown Finance Committee



April 25, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Members: Brad, Bob, Paul, Kent, Joel, George

Brad called meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

- BOS called Nick for Planning Board to the forefront to cover his articles on Zoning By-law Amendments. First article is non-financial and makes amendments to Article 11 Zoning By-Laws, by adding Section 11.31 for off-street parking and loading regulations.
- Second article is non-financial and makes amendments to include definitions for Commercial Recycling, Gross Floor Area, Landfill, and Parking Bay.
- Third article is non-financial and makes amendments to Article 11 Zoning By-Laws by deleting Section 11.23 and inserting new text on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and Planning Board.
- Fourth article is non-financial and makes amendments to Article 11 Zoning By-Laws Section 11.18 by including Landfill in the table.

Nick stated the by-laws were vague and these amendments will explain in more detail, clearer definitions, set-back parking just for new construction.

Kim received a letter from Freetown & Lakeville Regional School District informing that the FY17 annual contract for Old Colony transportation services is \$161,913.60, \$13,010.40 over FY15. East Freetown to pay \$1,698,366 for 92 students, average of \$18,460/student. LY was \$16,327/student. Where is increase – 23 students have IEP costing \$22,185/student which is an increase of \$4,966/student over LY. Lisa asked what the kick-back would be from circuit breaker from state and if we would get an adjustment. How were the figures arrived at – school choice template which Lisa stated she did not know how they evaluated the cost using that formula? Why is there a big difference LY vs TY – there was no distinction for students with IEP.

Article: To defray charges for Fiscal Year 2017 – FinCom approved

Article: Vote to fix salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town – FinCom approved

Article: Authorize revolving funds for certain departments – FinCom approved

Article: Transfer \$4500.00 from sale of Cemetery Lots Account to Assonet Burial Ground – FinCom approved

Article: Transfer \$35,323.00 to purchase a new skid steer – discussion

Bobcat is used every day, it is 14 years old and very worn, parts available through NH or CT only, this would purchase a John Deere from Schmidt, Bob asked if there were any tools included, Chuck said it comes just with a bucket. This was moved to Capital Spending.



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Article: Transfer \$9,336.00 to purchase lawn mower – discussion

Currently have two lawn mowers, this would replace a 15 year old mower that was purchased to tend Central Park, has a second engine in it, parts are no longer available, parts are not interchangeable, does not meet tier 4 emissions regulations. This was moved to Capital Spending.

Article: Transfer \$3600.00 to purchase scan tool – Removed

Article: Transfer \$31,500.00 to fund Interim Year Adjustment of Assessed Values – FinCom approved

Article: Transfer \$9,000.00 for software license of Board of Assessors – FinCom approved

Article: Transfer \$25,000.00 to repair and maintain town buildings – FinCom approved

Article: Transfer \$2,000.00 to support Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence – FinCom approved

Article: Transfer \$350.00 for maintenance of veterans graves – FinCom approved

Article: Vote to approve \$550,000.00 to operate Water Enterprise Fund – FinCom approved

Article: Vote to approve \$207,348.00 to operate Sewer Enterprise Fund – FinCom approved

Article: Vote to accept Cost Drive

Article: Vote to accept Extensions of King Philip Way and Jordan Lane

Article: Vote unknown monetary amount for Capital Stabilization Fund – tabled

Article: Vote unknown monetary amount for Stabilization Fund – tabled

Article: Funds be deposited to Stabilization Fund – tabled

George asked if there was anything new to report on the new Police Station. There is an open meeting on May 11.

Brad asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Bob made a motion to accept with changes, seconded by Joel – approved with changes. Lois will condense minutes and submit to Brad for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Amaral
