

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 25, 2016

Present: Bob Finnegan, Jim Pennington, Bob Margerison, Kurt Kaiser, Christine Edwards, Gerry Brayton, Tom Tracey, Peter Fimognari, Maureen O'Sullivan, Brenda Payette (Administrative Assistant), Mary Lauria (Town Accountant), Evan Brassard (Town Administrator), Tim Pascale (Parks & Recreation), Craig Jalbert (Water & Sewer)

Absent: William Dominguez,

Mr. Kaiser made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 28, 2016 as written; Mr. Fimognari SECONDED, all voting YES with Mr. Finnegan, Mr. Margerison and Ms. Edwards abstaining.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Memo to overspend in the Technology Revolving Fund Account from the current amount approved to:
The money comes from ComCast. The expected income will exceed the approved amount to spend.
Ms. O'Sullivan made a motion to approve the current limit increase to spend; Mr. Fimognari SECONDED, SO VOTED.
- Memo re 2016 mileage reimbursement rate has been decreased to 54 cents per mile for 2016.
- FinCom's copy of the November Town Meeting Appropriations.
- Expenditure Ledger
- TASER Proposal (December 3, 2015) to FinCom. No action required from FinCom. This amount is included in the Police Department budget.

BILLS TO PAY OR TO APPROPRIATE:

- Request for transfer from the reserve fund
 - Amount requested \$4,895.00
 - Appropriation account 101-635-5252-E200
 - Present balance in account \$0
 - To purchase and install new chemical controller for the pool area. The current unit is 15 years old. It is malfunctioning causing unsafe chemical amounts in the pool water.

Ms. O'Sullivan made a motion to transfer \$4,895 from the reserve fund; Mr. Pennington SECONDED, SO VOTED.

MEETINGS MEMBERS ATTENDED:

Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Fimognari attended the Board of Selectmen meeting on April 12, 2016. They reported back that FinCom was well received for coming in with a good budget. Credit was given by saying that it helps that everyone was all on the same page and a great deal of work by the

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School, Town Accountant and Town Administrator.

BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Brassard didn't have much financial news to report on.

A solar farm in Monson just filed bankruptcy protection. They owe the town \$99,000 bonus check that the town has been working on collecting for the past two years. This money was not calculated into any of the budget projections, it would go back into free cash if/when they receive it.

**Finance Committee members voted on the Articles for the Special Town Warrant as follows:
Craig Jalbert discussed articles 9, 10, 11**

Article 9	\$3,800- Ms. O'Sullivan made a motion; Mr. Fimognari SECONDED. SO VOTED
Article 10	\$5,500- Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Ms. O'Sullivan SECONDED. SO VOTED
Article 11	\$50,000- Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Kaiser SECONDED. SO VOTED
Article 1	\$33,004.76 transfer & appropriate-Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Ms. O'Sullivan SECONDED. SO VOTED
Article 2	\$190.00 transfer & appropriate-Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Ms. O'Sullivan SECONDED. SO VOTED
Article 3	\$2,000 transfer & appropriate – Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Kaiser SECONDED, SO VOTED with Mr. Margerison voting NO. He will not vote to give any COLA increase.
Article 4	\$1,800 transfer & appropriate – Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Ms. O'Sullivan SECONDED, SO VOTED with Mr. Margerison voting NO. He will not vote to give any COLA increase.
Article 5	\$9,000 transfer & appropriate – Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Kaiser SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 6	\$7,000 transfer & appropriate – Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Kaiser SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 7	PASSOVER – Ms. O'Sullivan made a motion; Mr. Fimognari SECONDED, SO VOTED.
Article 8	\$25,000 transfer & appropriate – Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Ms. O'Sullivan SECONDED, SO VOTED
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Article 3	\$2,000 transfer & appropriate – Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Kaiser SECONDED, SO VOTED with Mr. Margerison voting NO. He will not vote to give any COLA increase.
Article 4	\$1,800 transfer & appropriate – Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Ms. O'Sullivan SECONDED, SO VOTED with Mr. Margerison voting NO. He will not vote to give any COLA increase.
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	SO VOTED
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Article 7	PASSOVER – Ms. O’Sullivan made a motion; Mr. Fimognari SECONDED, SO VOTED.
Article 8	\$25,000 transfer & appropriate – Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Ms. O’Sullivan SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 12	\$902.50 transfer & appropriate – Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Ms. O’Sullivan SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 13	\$400 transfer & appropriate – Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Ms. O’Sullivan SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 14	\$150 transfer & appropriate – Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Ms. O’Sullivan SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 15	\$1,400 transfer & appropriate – Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Ms. O’Sullivan SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 16	\$1,900 transfer & appropriate – Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Kaiser SECONDED, SO VOTED with Mr. Margerison voting NO. He will not vote to give any COLA increase.
Article 17	Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Brayton SECONDED, SO VOTED *
Article 18	Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Kaiser SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 19	Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Kaiser SECONDED, SO VOTED

**Finance Committee members voted on the Articles for the Annual Town Warrant as follows:
 Craig Jalbert discussed articles 14, 15, 17**

Article 14	Mr. Kaiser made a motion; Mr. Pennington SECONDED. SO VOTED
Article 15	Mr. Kaiser made a motion; Mr. Fimognari SECONDED*. SO VOTED
Article 17	Mr. Kaiser made a motion; Mr. Fimognari SECONDED. SO VOTED
Article 1	Mr. Kaiser made a motion; Mr. Fimognari SECONDED. SO VOTED
Article 2	Set salaries as elected officials- Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Ms. O’Sullivan SECONDED, SO VOTED with Mr. Margerison voting NO. He will not vote to give any COLA increase.
Article 3	Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Kaiser SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 4	Omnibus total \$23,483,456 Mr. Kaiser made a motion; Mr. Fimognari SECONDED, SO VOTED with Mr. Margerison voting NO. He will not vote to give any COLA increase.
Article 5	PASSOVER – Mr. Kaiser made a motion; Mr. Finnegan SECONDED, SO VOTED.
Article 6	Mr. Kaiser made a motion; Mr. Finnegan SECONDED. SO VOTED with Mr. Pennington voting NO. *

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Article 7	Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Pennington SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 8	Mr. Pennington made a motion; Mr. Fimognari SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 9	PASSOVER – Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Pennington SECONDED, SO VOTED.
Article 10	Mr. Pennington made a motion; Mr. Finnegan SECONDED. SO VOTED
Article 11	Mr. Pennington made a motion; Mr. Fimognari SECONDED. SO VOTED
Article 12	Mr. Pennington made a motion; Ms. O’Sullivan SECONDED. SO VOTED
Article 13	Mr. Pennington made a motion; Ms. O’Sullivan SECONDED. SO VOTED
Article 16	Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Kaiser SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 18	Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Brayton SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 19	Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Brayton SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 20	Mr. Pennington made a motion; Mr. Fimognari SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 21	Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Brayton SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 22	Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Kaiser SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 23	Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Ms. O’Sullivan SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 24	Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Ms. O’Sullivan SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 25	Mr. Fimognari made a motion; Mr. Finnegan SECONDED, SO VOTED
Article 26	Vote on next week 5/2/2016
Article 27	Vote on next week 5/2/16

Article 15 discussion: staff salaries are split 60% water and 40% sewer budget. Same staff for the water and sewer.

Article 6 discussion-

Mr. Fimognari asked about the amount of money that is above net school spending. Mr. Brassard said he received a letter from Pathfinder that they are aware of the concerns and will be forming a committee to review.

Mr. Brayton said that net school spending is the minimum amount to spend and that there should not be complaints that Pathfinder is spending above net school spending.

Mr. Pennington stated that pathfinder is ranked high, that is great but he would like to see the money that is funded to them that is above net school spending be spread out to go towards the larger student body in Monson.

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Next meeting is scheduled for May 2, at 7pm
Annual Town Meeting May 9, 2016 at 6:30pm then will join Town Meeting at 7pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm
Respectfully submitted,
Brenda I. Payette
Administrative Assistant to the Finance Committee