

Wellfleet Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting of February 12, 2014
Senior Center, 7:00 p.m.

Present: Stephen Polowczyk, Chair; Janet Loewenstein, Linda Pellegrino, Thomas Reinhart, Sylvia Smith, Liz Sorrell, Ira Wood

Regrets: Sam Bradford, Robert Wallace

Also Attending: Town Accountant Marilyn Crary, Fire Chief Richard Pauley

Chair Stephen Polowczyk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of 1/30/14

Janet Loewenstein moved to approve the minutes of January 20, 2014. Linda Pellegrino seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Fire Department Overtime

Fire Chief Richard Pauley was present to discuss Fire Department Overtime with Finance Committee. Town Administrator Harry Terkanian had submitted a February 3, 2014 memo¹ outlining the use of Overtime hours. Chief Pauley explained an expected transfer that will be coming before the Finance Committee at another meeting. He answered questions from FinCom members on fitness, use of Call Firefighters, training for paramedics, and the stretcher request in the Budget.

Baker's Field Tennis Court Project

Recreation Director Becky Rosenberg and Assistant Recreation Director Angel Robinson reviewed the Community Preservation Act application for \$240,000 to reconstruct and improve the Baker's Field Tennis Courts. Ms. Rosenberg gave a brief history of the Wellfleet public tennis courts. She said the drainage system had failed and made the courts cracked and unsafe. Included in the information sheet² that she had submitted was a comparison of other town public courts, the United States Tennis Association (USTA) letter of support and a proposed schedule of increased fees. Ms. Rosenberg answered questions on the blended lines, fencing costs, salary for monitors, yearly expenses for the courts, the need for four courts, percentages of local and non-local users, and placing the courts at the school.

SeaBabies CPA Project

Liz Sorrell, who is the sponsor of the Community Preservation Act project for the relocation and reconstruction of the SeaBabies playground, gave further information on the SeaBabies program³ and enrollment.

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

Marilyn Crary said that the Board of Selectmen had approved the Operating Budget up to the Veteran's Benefit line 543. She explained some of the changes that the Selectmen had made.

The Chamber of Commerce line 182 had been raised. Finance Committee suggested a transfer of \$3,000 from Fund 25 and recommend \$10,000 for line 182.

Budget Changes

Loewenstein moved to approve \$10,000 for Line 182 and a transfer of \$3,000 from Fund 25 to cover the full amount. Pellegrino seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Loewenstein moved to support change to DPW Operations line 420 to \$1,017,009. Wood seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Smith moved to accept the correction to line 422. Loewenstein seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Smith moved to approve Human Services line 520 increase to \$84,460. Sorrell seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Budget Sections

The Finance Committee proceeded to approve the Budget section by section.

Wood moved to approve General Government lines 114-196 in accordance with the Town Administrator's figures and total of \$1,664,726. Sorrell seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Sorrell moved to approve Public Safety lines 210-220 as recommended by the Town Administrator. Loewenstein seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

FinCom skipped the Public Safety line 241 for the Building Inspector since it had not yet been approved by the Selectmen.

Smith moved to approve Public Safety lines 291-293 as presented by the Town Administrator. Loewenstein seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Loewenstein moved to approve the Elementary School line 300. Pellegrino seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Loewenstein moved to approve Public Works line 417, 423-442. Smith seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Smith moved to approve Health & Human Services lines 510-541. Wood seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Water Enterprise Fund Budget

Sorrell moved to approve the Water Enterprise FY2015 Budget. Wood seconded, and the motion carried 6-0-1.

Liaison Reports

Tom Reinhart reported that the School Committee has been working on the Budget. The issues he mentioned at the last meeting have been resolved, he said. Enrollment through school choice is also getting resolved, according to Reinhart.

Agenda for Next Meeting

The agenda for the February 26, 2014 meeting will include: Budget, Warrant Recommendations, and Liaison Reports.

Adjournment

Reinhart moved to adjourn. Loewenstein seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Rogers, Committee Secretary

Stephen Polowczyk, Chair

The Finance Committee approved these minutes at the meeting held 2/27/14.

Public Records Material of 2/12/14

- 1.) Fire Dept. Overtime memo
- 2.) Baker's Field Tennis Courts summary and information sheets
- 3.) SeaBabies CPA Information