

Warrant Committee Meeting

Wednesday January 9, 2008

Attending: Robyn Hunter, Chair, Caroline White, Vice-Chair, Nancy Weinstein, Secretary, Allen Goldberg, Arthur Meehan, Joseph Melican, Scott Seidman, Dave Stapleton and Nathan Van Duzer

Guests: Chief Joe Griffin and Barrie Clough, Town Clerk

1. Review of Budgets

- a. Police #201 *presented by Chief Griffin*
 - i. Collective bargaining has begun for the new contract
 - ii. Turnover rate is .8% which is very manageable
 - iii. Overall increase of 6.91%
 - iv. Salaries increase of 7.09%
 - v. Expense increase of 3.83%
 - vi. Liaisons from department to
 1. DS High School
 2. Chickering School
 3. Elder Affairs
- b. Animal Control #292 *presented by Chief Griffin*
 - i. Vehicle maintenance increase by \$500
 - ii. Animal pound increase by \$1500 (no cap on veterinarian services)
 - iii. Animal Control Officer on call 20/hours per week
- c. Protective Agencies #299 *presented by Chief Griffin*
 - i. Cost of reverse 911 is \$1000 less than estimated (\$4000 not \$5000)
 - ii. Don Mills to do a space utilization study of the building
- d. Town Clerk #161 *presented by Barrie Clough*
 - i. Purchase of services increased due to maintenance of laser fiche
 - ii. Meeting fee expenses increased and increase mileage rate
- e. Election/Registration #162 *presented by Barrie Clough*
 - i. Increase due to one additional election
 - ii. Increase due to programming fee and ballot printing
- f. Planning Board #175
 - i. Increase in professional fees of \$2.50/hour
- g. Energy Coordinator #194
 - i. No change
- h. Historical Commission #691
 - i. No change
- i. Emergency Management #291
 - i. 2% increase in overall expenses

2. Votes of Budgets

- a. Town Clerk #161
 - i. S. Seidman moved approval of the Town Clerk budget totaling \$63,465; \$53,870 in Salaries and Wages and \$9,595 in Expenses. J. Melican seconded the motion.

- ii. Motion approved 8-0
- b. Election/Registration #162
 - i. S. Seidman moved approval of the Election/Registration budget totaling \$39,131; \$28,921 in Salaries and Wages and \$10,210 in Expenses. J. Melican seconded the motion.
 - ii. Motion approved 8-0
- c. Planning Board #175
 - i. R. Hunter moved approval of the Planning Board budget totaling \$60,731; \$26,621 in Salaries and Wages and \$34,110 in Expenses. A. Goldberg seconded the motion.
 - ii. Motion approved 8-0
- d. Energy Coordinator #194
 - i. A. Goldberg moved approval of the Energy Coordinator budget totaling \$100; \$100 in Expenses. J. Melican seconded the motion.
 - ii. Motion approved 8-0
- e. Town Report #195
 - i. R. Hunter moved approval of the Town Report budget totaling \$11,509; \$11,509 in Expenses. A. Goldberg seconded the motion.
 - ii. Motion approved 8-0
- f. Emergency Management #291
 - i. R. Hunter moved approval of the Emergency Management budget totaling \$3,116; \$2,046 in Salaries and Wages and \$1,070 in Expenses. A. Goldberg seconded the motion.
 - ii. Motion approved 8-0
- g. Animal Control #292
 - i. A. Goldberg moved approval of the Animal Control budget totaling \$23,995; \$18,495 in Salaries and Wages and \$5,500 in Expenses. J. Melican seconded the motion.
 - ii. Motion approved 8-0
- h. Protective Agencies #299
 - i. J. Melican moved approval of the Protective Agencies budget totaling \$76,332; \$76,332 in Expenses. A. Goldberg seconded the motion.
 - ii. Motion approved 8-0
- i. Highway Maintenance #422
 - i. J. Melican moved approval of the Highway Maintenance budget totaling \$549,077; \$394,021 in Salaries and Wages and \$155,056 in Expenses. A. Goldberg seconded the motion.
 - ii. Motion approved 7-0-1
- j. Snow & Ice #423
 - i. J. Melican moved approval of the Snow & Ice budget totaling \$162,498; \$51,000 in Salaries and Wages and \$111,498 in Expenses. C. White seconded the motion.
 - ii. Motion approved 8-0
- k. Street Lights #424
 - i. J. Melican moved approval of the Street Lights budget totaling \$17,831; \$17,831 in Expenses. A. Goldberg seconded the motion.

- ii. Motion approved 8-0
- l. Town Garage #425
 - i. J. Melican moved approval of the Town Garage budget totaling \$66,838; \$66,838 in Expenses. A. Goldberg seconded the motion.
 - ii. Motion approved 8-0
- m. Tarvia #428
 - i. J. Melican moved approval of the Tarvia budget totaling \$179,000; \$179,000 in Expenses. A. Goldberg seconded the motion.
 - ii. Motion approved 8-0
- n. Solid Waste #439
 - i. J. Melican moved approval of the Solid Waste budget totaling \$353,884; \$57,252 in Salaries and Wages and \$296,632 in Expenses. S. Seidman seconded the motion.
 - ii. Motion approved 8-0
- o. Veterans #543
 - i. A. Goldberg moved approval of the Veterans budget totaling \$2,000; \$2,000 in Expenses. J. Melican seconded the motion.
 - ii. Motion approved 8-0
- p. Historical Commission #691
 - i. S. Seidman moved approval of the Historical Commission budget totaling \$1,484; \$1,484 in Expenses. J. Melican seconded the motion.
 - ii. Motion approved 8-0
- q. Memorial Day #692
 - i. S. Seidman moved approval of the Memorial Day budget totaling \$2,500; \$2,500 in Expenses. J. Melican seconded the motion.
 - ii. Motion approved 8-0

3. Other Business

- a. Prior Notice Snow & Ice totaling \$125,000 acknowledged
- b. Prior Notice Fire Department totaling \$4,507.18 for Front Engine 1 acknowledged
- c. Prior Notice Fire Department totaling \$6,077.37 for Pump Engine 1 acknowledged
- d. Prior Notice Fire Department totaling \$2,498.83 for Ladder Truck acknowledged
- e. Prior Notice Ambulance Department \$8,000 for ALS intercept calls acknowledged

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. December 19, 2007 approved 6-0
- b. January 7, 2008 approved 8-0

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 2008 at 7:15am Selectmen's Meeting Room

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Weinstein,
Secretary