

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2013

ATTENDANCE: CHAIRMAN, ED HOAK; NANCY GAJOLI, MICHELE HAMILTON, CHERYL MARSHALL, DEAN LARABEE, TOWN ACCOUNTANT, KATHY AVILLA; SELECTMEN STEVE CASTELLINA AND LINDA HOWERTON AND SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, PAUL MODLOWSKI

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Ed Hoak at 7:01 PM

This meeting was a scheduled budget hearing for the purpose of continuing the FY2014 budget process. This budget hearing involved general ledger 122 (Selectmen), 151 (Legal Services), 192 (Building Maintenance), 193 (Municipal Water Supply), 423 (Street Lights) and 940 (Miscellaneous).

MINUTES: The minutes of April 8, 2013 were not available. They will be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting.

REVIEW OF SELECTMEN (G/L 122): Personnel and contract negotiations were discussed. A \$ 400 increase to the expense budget was requested.

REVIEW OF LEGAL SERVICES (G/L 151): The budget request was level at FY2013's \$ 40,000.

REVIEW OF BUILDING MAINTENANCE (G/L 192): As work for the new town hall is underway, the condemned town hall is no longer available, so a new modular building is being rented. The rent is expected to be slightly above the \$ 10,200 budgeted last year. Storage containers need to be obtained next year and will cost \$ 2,160.

REVIEW OF MUNI WATER SUPPLY (G/L 193): This budget will remain \$ 1000. In FY2014.

REVIEW OF STREET LIGHTS (G/L 423): This line item is the same as in FY2013.

REVIEW OF MISCELLANEOUS (G/L 940): The audit will cost \$ 20,000 in FY2014, \$ 3,000 over last year due to the new town hall capital project. Town insurance premium is up slightly to \$ 107,327. The town fuel account is down \$ 5,000. All other items remain flat from FY2013. The municipal lease will be discussed further in the future.

OTHER BUSINESS: The solar farms were discussed. It is possible, but not likely that the second private solar farm will come on line in FY2014 and may provide a much needed \$ 20,000 in additional revenue to the town. The work of the school budget subcommittee was discussed and the selectmen were invited to attend a working group meeting on April 30th. The fire department's request for a new pumper truck was discussed. Mr. Hoak will reach out to town officials to determine the feasibility of such a purchase. The municipal lease was touched upon, and will be discussed again at a later date. The previous night's budget request from the Veterans agent was discussed. Current labor negotiations were discussed. The topic of raises for our elected career officials was discussed.

A motion was made; second to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM, approved unanimously.