

Yarmouth Finance Committee
February 1, 2010
Conference Room A

Members Present: Chairman Patrick Foran, Vice Chairman Robert W. Kaiser, Clerk Carlene Veara, Betty-Jane Burkhardt, Carol Serafino, Randall Stiffler, Dorothy Voelker

Absent: Peter Slovak

Staff: Town Administrator Robert Lawton

Patrick Foran, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM and welcomed Phil Morris who will be joining Fin Com once he has been sworn in by the BOS.

Mr. Foran reported that most of the priority budget sheets have been completed and submitted from Fin Com members. The information is being compiled and will be reviewed at the next Fin Com meeting.

Mr. Lawton distributed a summary outline of articles for the May 3 Town Meeting. He reported that they are currently within 2 1/2 limits.

Mr. Foran shared a report provided by Robert DuBois, Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce outlining to date what towns will be putting the meal and room taxes up for consideration. Dennis will put up the meal tax and not the hotel room tax while Barnstable will wait until the fall.

Carlene Veara, petitioner will make a presentation on the petitioned override she has brought to the town as a private citizen at the February 8, Fin Com meeting. The meal and hotel room tax will also be reviewed and the BOS will be invited to provide their comments on the subject.

Mr. Lawton stressed the importance of the reserve and stabilization fund in order to maintain the town's bond rating. Mr. Morris suggested this presents an opportunity to educate the public concerning the long-term impact if the bond rating is reduced.

The Planning Board will be invited to present at the February 10 Fin Com meeting to answer questions concerning zoning and CPA.

The Tourism Preservation Fund has been recommended at \$25,000 instead of \$50,000

Mr. Lawton will speak to the BOS regarding about the wording "without cause" of Article #39, Removal of Appointed Board members and ask if they would reconsider this statement. Also, he will inquire if it applies to Fin Com.

Mr. Lawton noted Article #41 allows for a farmers' market in a business area that has been proposed near the South Yarmouth Library.

The Fin Com schedule will be amended, noting the correct date of Town Meeting, May 3.

The February 3 Fin Com meeting agenda will be to review the priority list and plan for the information sessions. Mr. Lawton confirmed the Cape Cod Times would publicize the sessions.

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Mr. Lawton answered questions from the previous meeting concerning water. Clarification on overtime has been provided and he confirmed that no funds would need to be transferred for the shared GIS.

Ms. Serafino asked what we would save if the West Yarmouth Library was closed.

Mr. Lawton reported that the proposed changes to mailings in order to save money might not be possible due to the Town Collector's need of standardized envelopes.

A report from the Resource Director was distributed outlining total revenue for slip and mooring fees, with two options to be presented at a town hearing on March 2.

Funding requests from the clerk were presented and voted as follows for special elections fees until reimbursement is received from the state.

1. A request to transfer \$390 from the reserve fund to pay for church rental for election.

Motion: BJB, Second: CV, Approve: 7, Opposed: 0

2. A request to transfer \$1,738 from reserve fund for the cost to set up the polls.

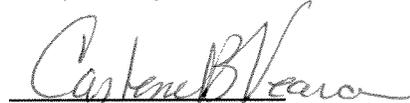
Motion: BJB, Second: RS, Approve: 7, Oppose: 0

3. A request for \$3,360 to transfer from reserve fund for precinct police detail.

Motion: BJB, Second: CV, Approve: 7, Oppose: 0

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Burkhardt, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlene Veara, Clerk