

YARMOUTH FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Yarmouth Town Hall, Room A

May 20, 2015

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Present: Joseph Goldstein, Chair, Nathan Ladley, Phillip Morris, Jack Moylan, Robert Ciavarra

Absent: Cathy Romboli, Vice Chair/Clerk

Administration: Peter Johnson-Staub, Assistant Town Administrator

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Goldstein, Chair, at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the April 29, 2015 Yarmouth Finance Committee meeting as written.

Motion by: Mr. Morris

Seconded by: Mr. Moylan

Vote: 5-0-0

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Yarmouth Finance Committee is July 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., Room A, Yarmouth Town Hall.

TRANSFERS:

There were no transfers at this meeting. Mr. Johnson-Staub stated that the transfers are a "work in progress". Some were sent to Committee members last week. There will be a couple more when the year has ended, he said.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Mr. Moylan and Mr. Goldstein expressed their concerns over the manner in which the Town Moderator conducted the Town meeting. 1) When Mr. Moylan had the floor the Town Moderator cut him off. 2) Members of the Yarmouth Finance Committee felt that there was a matter of decorum with the Town Meeting. When the Town Meeting became unruly, the Town Moderator did not bring the meeting back. Mr. Moylan said that he would not ask to be reappointed to the Yarmouth Finance Committee when his term ended May 31, 2015. The Committee urged Mr. Moylan to reconsider his resignation for one year, and he said that he would think about it. Mr. Moylan also said that he would like to get off the Personnel Board.

Mr. Goldstein reported that at the meeting before Town Meeting on May 2, 2015, Mr. Robert Ciavarra was appointed as a representative to the Capital Budget Committee.

MOTION: To appoint Mr. Goldstein to the Personnel Board.

Motion by: Mr. Moylan

Seconded by: Mr. Morris

Vote: 5-0-0

There was a discussion of Town Meeting. Mr. Morris stated that he felt the 6-hour meeting should have a break in the middle. Mr. Johnson-Staub suggested that if members of the Committee had comments, they should put them in an e-mail to the Board of Selectmen.

There was a discussion of the Town election.

ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE:

Mr. Johnson-Staub noted that the Reserve Fund has been depleted this year due to the Cost of Snow and Ice, which also received funds from Internal Transfers like Health Insurance.

There was a discussion of Health Insurance. Mr. Johnson-Staub said that the Town of Yarmouth pays 50% of employees Health Insurance (the minimum required by State law). Police HMO's are an exception; they are paid at 60%. Mr. Goldstein noted that the co-pays were lower than many other Towns, and he asked if this effected recruitment and retention of employees. Mr. Johnson-Staub said that with management positions there was often an off-setting salary negotiation, but that it affected firefighters. The Yarmouth Police Department attracts employees by reputation he said. Mr. Johnson-Staub noted that there was a positive effect on the OPEB unfunded liability.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Motion by: Mr. Moylan

Seconded by: Mr. Ladley

Vote: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Grace E. Buckler
Recording Secretary
Yarmouth Finance Committee