YARMOUTH FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Yarmouth Town Hall, Room A
April 27, 2016

Present: Joseph Goldstein, Chair, Cathy Romboli, Vice Chair/Clerk. Nathan Ladley, Jack Moylan, Ken Mudie, Robert Ciavarra, and Sean Hanlon

Administration: Peter Johnson-Staub, Interim Town Administrator

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

MINUTES:
MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2016 Yarmouth Finance Committee meeting
Motion by: Mr. Moylan **Seconded by:** Mr. Mudie **Vote:** 7-0-0

NEXT MEETING:
Town Meeting on May 7, 2016, begins at 9 a.m., but that the Yarmouth Finance Committee members are asked to be there at 8:30 a.m. to meet before the Town Meeting in the band room behind the stage at the Mattacheese Middle School. There will be a potluck lunch again this year. Mr. Moylan will be unable to attend.

TRANSFERS:
The Yarmouth Police Department requested a transfer of $6,500 for extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures to obtain a replacement for Kosmo, the 6 year old German Shepherd that had been providing superb service on behalf of the Yarmouth Police Department and the Yarmouth community that suffered an injury October 2015 and will be unable to return to service.

There was a discussion by the YFC of this transfer. Mr. Johnson-Staub explained that any amount in the Town Meeting Warrant Article 2 is binding. There was a discussion of moving money from the $82,000 transfer for overtime wages. The YFC questioned whether a transfer had already been made for a police dog. Mr. Johnson-Staub agreed to review this transfer with Chief Frederickson, and the vote on this transfer was deferred until the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:
ARTICLE #1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money to provide additional funds for the FY2016 operating budget. Selectmen will recommend from the floor the following motion:
MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash and appropriate the following sums:

- $180,000 for Snow and Ice
- $20,000 for Town Administrator recruitment and selection costs

The Selectmen voted 4-0-1 on this motion.

There was a discussion of the voting process at Town Meeting. There was also a discussion of the process of selecting a new Town Administrator. There was a clarification of the YFC powers: to recommend or not recommend Articles and to approve or not approve transfers. Mr. Johnson-Staub explained the Snow & Ice account deficit. He said that it was standard to underfund this account. Although there was less snow this year, there was a better response than in the past.

MOTION: I would recommend that we not recommend Article #1.
Motion by: Mr. Ladley **Seconded by:** Mr. Ciavarra **Vote:** 7-0-0

ARTICLE #21 WAGE SETTLEMENTS:

	FY17	
Article 2 Total Wages Including Seasonal and OT	$20,597,961	
Less Seasonal	(499,963)	
	$20,097,998	
2% =		$401,960

Police Unions not settled for FY16. Need to add 1% for FY16.

Police Union Wages Including OT	$6,523,994	
1% =		65,240
		$467,200

ARTICLE #2 REQUEST = $465,000 for FY17
Mr. Johnson-Staub explained that the Police settled their contract for 1% in FY16, 2% in FY17 and 2% in FY18. For FY16 money was set aside in the FY16 budget under Town Administration.

MOTION: I move to recommend Article 21.
Motion by: Mr. Moylan **Seconded by:** Mr. Mudie **Vote:** 7-0-0

Mr. Bienvenue, Town Accountant, joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE:
Mr. Johnson-Staub discussed the Wastewater meeting.

Mrs. Romboli gave a thank you to Pat Armstrong and Karen Greene for putting on the Volunteers Breakfast.

ADJOURN:
MOTION: There was a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.
Motion by: Mr. Moylan **Seconded by:** Mr. Goldstein **Vote:** 7-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Grace E. Buckler

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