

**YARMOUTH FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Yarmouth Town Hall, Room A**  
**February 22, 2017**

Present: Joseph Goldstein, Chairman, Cathy Romboli, Vice Chair /Clerk, Nathan Ladley, Ken Mudie, Jack Moylan, Sean Hanlon,  
Absent: Robert Ciavarra  
Administration: Ed Senteio, Director of Finance  
Guest: Daniel Knapik, Tom Roche, Jeff Colby, Jennifer Copeland, Mary Waygan, Patricia Armstrong, Kathy Williams

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Joseph Goldstein  
Minutes: were reviewed with a correction.  
Correction: \$200,000.00 to be used for purchase powered stretchers for fire department.  
Next meeting to be held on Monday February 27th

**Fin/Com Administrative items:**  
**Committee Budget Review: CPC/Zoning**

A budget transfer request for \$42,000. was presented to the Committee for approval from the sanitation department. The request was discussed and approved. A motion to approve was made by J. Moylan and seconded N. Ladley. Vote 6-0

The town administrator discussed with the committee an overtime request from the police department. After much deliberation and review of the draft proposal request, the motion to approve was made by K.Mudie and seconded N. Ladley. Vote 6-0

D. Knapik discussed some of the changes that could help going forward to prevent some of the same issues from reoccurring in the future. 1. Slow Hiring. 2. Proactive spending by encouraging departments to address their budgets in April or May.

J. Goldstein brought to the administrator a concern related to reclassification of positions which gives raises without looking at effect it has on the department's budget.

**CPA Budget Review:**

The committee received copies of warrant articles to review as T. Roche addressed them before the committee. He gave a brief description of purpose and mission of goals for CPA. There were 20 applications 15 accepted, 2 denied, 2 withdrawn and 1 on hold for future updating. He reviewed each line item with a description of purpose as well as photographs of areas being discussed.

**Affordable housing Project**

M. Waygan described the funding for the 3 programs that make up the present Affordable Housing Project. She explained income eligibility, purpose for the different programs and their specific focus and use of funds. Examples were also given on how the funds were used in the past and their needs at the present time.

There followed a discussion on how to make this information more accessible to town citizens as there could more incentives for the Yarmouth's elderly community.

### **Recreation Project**

The two areas of focus were Sandy Pond Rec area and Homer Park Rec area.

Committee questions were posed related to improvement of tennis courts rather than renovating and adding more courts. Questions related to cost of replacement vs repair. Response from recreation department indicated that the courts were in very poor condition and improvement could encourage tournaments within the town. Also there is an increase interest in game of pickle ball which is being played in other town courts by Yarmouth citizens, could encourage play on our town courts with these improvements.

Concern were raised over the safety conditions of sandy pond and need for funds to be directed to addressing safety improvements. P. Armstrong agreed to inform the appropriate departments concerning the safety and concerns over the conservation areas.

P. Armstrong outlined changes and improvements in the Homer Park area, which will focus on handicap accessibility, which includes handicap swing (s) to accommodate wheelchair individuals. She pointed out that there are 20 students using wheelchairs in the Yarmouth school system. The committee commended the rec department for the 6 functioning sand wheelchairs at the town beaches.

### **Baxter Mill Project**

J. Colby reviewed the project and pointing out that improvements to the mill building will be addressed at a later time. The funding is specific to the sluiceway, dam and upgrading the fish ladder. Parking areas were described and addressing the need for grants for work on other projects. At the site. J. Colby forsees sidewalks along the street side of the mill, where there are no sidewalks at present.

### **Taylor Bray Farm Project**

Funds for the 6<sup>th</sup> phase of archaeological exploration. A comment recommending a museum site on the grounds such as the farm house to exhibit some of the artifacts which have been found.

### **Park, Recreation and Cemetery Department**

Funds for cemetery signage at the Ancient Cemeteries, Pine Grove and Center Street. No prototype is available at this time.

Funds to improve the Indian Memorial site on Indian Memorial Drive. The Parks department will be working in coordination with Wampanoag Tribes approval. This area was believed to be the winter home of local American Indian tribes.

### **Amos Baker Historic Building Rehabilitation**

Funds to rehabilitate and stabilize the historic 1790 building. The building is used as a counseling center for rehabilitation and food pantry to the community.

### **Cultural Center Repairs and Improvement**

Funds for the purchase of installation of a dehumidifier.

### **Historical Society of Old Yarmouth**

Funds to rehabilitate the Captain Bangs Hallet Museum gutters, specifically replace cornices and rotted fascia boards.

Funds needed for Kelly Chapel's roof restoration, to replace the cedar roof and provide additional beam support.

Funds to be used for Benjamin Hallet Blacksmith Shop to replace a cedar roof.

**Draft Zoning Article**

A member of the zoning committee reviewed the Zoning Articles with the committee which had been presented as a formal public meeting in February. A copy of the Zoning Articles were distributed to all members of the committee for review.

The committee asked for minor clarifications on Articles 1-4.

On Article 4 (temporary moratorium on recreational Marijuana) members had some concerns as to a town's delays on an article which was accepted on the state level and the impact on delay which would decrease revenue for the town. Response from K. Williams was the need to know the placement of the facilities which would be selling Marijuana.

The committee agreed to hold all voting until the next meeting Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of February.

AJOURN: There was a motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Motion made by J Moylan and seconded by C Romboli

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly A. Bachand