

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017

LYNNFIELD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

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MERRITT CENTER

Present: Jack Dahlstedt, Christopher Mattia, Rob Look,
Stephen Riley, Gene Covino, Jason Caggiano,
A.J. Qualtieri, Robert Priestley

Not Present: Tom Kennedy, Kevin Sullivan, Tom Kayola

Guests: Town Administrator Jim Boudreau, Wallace McKenzie,
Patricia Campbell, Maureen Doherty (Press)

- * Jack called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.
- * Jack set the agenda for this evening's meeting as budget review and recommendation, review of warrant, recommendation of articles.
- * Jack walked through line-by-line the FY 18 Operating Budget and asked for additional comments before the FinCom votes on the total budget.
- * Bob Priestley recused himself from discussions concerning Veterans and Recreation budget items.
- * Jack questioned whether any other FinCom members had the need to request recusals. None were requested.
- * Jack stated the FinCom is aware of the need to get its arms around the busing increases and will work with the DPW Director to accomplish this.
- * The FinCom discussed the increase in the rising costs of certain items in the school budget along with a decrease in school revenue.
- * Town Administrator Boudreau updated the FinCom on the progress of the sale of Centre Farm.
- * The FinCom questioned the process by which OPEB will appear on the balance sheet.

- * The FinCom discussed the method by which the OPEB will be funded once the pay-as-you-go option is no longer viable.
- * Jack explained the process by which the FinCom will vote on the total recommended budget.
- * AJ questioned the rating agency thresholds, and how it's applicable to the town debt.
- * Town Administrator Boudreau will provide the debt policy to FinCom.
- * Chris made a motion to recommend the sum of \$53,224,076.00 for the FY 2018 Total Operating Budget. Gene seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motioned passed unanimously in favor (Article 7).
- * The FinCom reviewed line by line the FY 18 Capital Budget.
- * The FinCom will request the full drainage/storm water list from DPW.
- * Bob P. made a motion under the Police Capital Budget to replace the Chevy Tahoe with a Ford Explorer, making the request for two Ford Explorers at a difference of \$11,821.00.
- * Having no one seconding the motion, no vote was taken.
- * Chris made a motion to recommend the sum of \$1,796,418.00 as the total FY 18 Capital Budget. Gene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in favor (Article 8).

WARRANT ARTICLES

- * Article 1. Chris made a motion to recommend Article 1 as written. AJ seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor.
- * Article 2. Chris made a motion to recommend Article 2 as written. AJ seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor.
- * Article 3. Chris made a motion to recommend Article 3 as written. AJ seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor.
- * Article 4. The Committee deferred voting until meeting before Town Meeting.

- * Article 5. The Committee deferred voting until meeting before Town Meeting.
- * Article 6. Chris made a motion to recommend Article 6 as written. Jason seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor.
- * Article 9. Chris made a motion to recommend Article 9 as written. Jason seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor.
- * Article 10. Jason made a motion to recommend Article 10 as written. Chris seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor.
- * Article 11. Steve made a motion to recommend Article 11 as written. Chris seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor.
- * Article 12. The Committee deferred voting until meeting before Town Meeting.
- * Article 13. The Committee deferred voting until meeting before Town Meeting.
- * Article 14. The FinCom discussed the distinctions this article will adopt. Mrs. Patricia Campbell suggested having multiple microphones to give more control to the public at Town Meeting. Chris made a motion to recommend Article 14 as written. Steve seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor.
- * Article 15. The Committee deferred voting until meeting before Town Meeting.
- * Article 16. Chris made a motion to recommend Article 16 as written. Gene seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor.
- * Article 17. The Committee deferred voting until meeting before Town Meeting.
- * Article 18. The Committee deferred voting until meeting before Town Meeting.
- * Article 19. The Committee deferred voting until meeting before Town Meeting.

- * Article 20. Bob P. made a motion to recommend Article 20 as written. AJ seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-1.
- * Article 21. Bob P. made a motion to recommend Article 21 as written. AJ seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-1.
- * Article 22. The Committee deferred voting until meeting before Town Meeting.
- * Article 23. (Movie Theater) Bob P. suggested deferring Article 23 in lieu of a scheduled BOS meeting tomorrow night with this article on the agenda.
- * The FinCom discussed the traffic impact from Article 23 has not been properly vetted.
- * Town Administrator Boudreau commented there is a Market Street parking study on their website.
- * Mr. Wallace McKenzie reminded the FinCom that National Development promised no movie theater would be built at Market Street.
- * Mr. Wallace McKenzie urged the Town to honor the agreement and not allow a movie theater to be built at Market Street.
- * Mr. Wallace McKenzie suggested a movie theater would divide the townspeople.
- * Bob P. requested a recusal from discussing and voting on Article 23.
- * Chris made a motion to not recommend Article 23 as written. AJ seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor to NOT recommend Article 23. (Bob Priestley recused himself)
- * Article 24. Jack reminded the FinCom that this article allows the BOS to execute a ninety-nine year lease and nothing else. Mrs. Patricia Campbell reminded the FinCom that the BOS vote will be between only two BOS members since Selectman Barrett has recused himself. Mrs. Patricia Campbell voiced her concerns about traffic and parking problems if the rail trail is constructed. The Committee deferred voting until meeting before Town Meeting.
- * Article 25. The Committee deferred voting until meeting before Town Meeting.

- * Article 26. The Committee deferred voting until meeting before Town Meeting.
- * Article 27. The Committee deferred voting until meeting before Town Meeting.
- * Article 28. Chris made a motion to recommend Article 28 as written. Gene seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-1.
- * Article 29. The FinCom will request guidance from town counsel on this article. The Committee deferred voting until meeting before Town Meeting.
- * Bob P. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jason. The Committee voted unanimously in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Debbi Mallett, FinCom secretary