

Finance Committee Meeting
April 26, 2008
9:00 AM
Municipal Center – Selectmen's Conference Room

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Present: Chairman, Lee Tarantino; Vice-Chair, Michael Thomas; Robert Bouchard; Thomas DeLuca; Jackie Desrochers; Wayne Graf; Paul Helmreich; Philip Zawasky; Town Manager, James Purcell.

Absent: Mr. Pasquale Barletta.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to Order at 9:20 am.

I. Old Business

Mr. Purcell said that he is presently working on application with Ms. Donna Summerfield for a waiver from the state regarding the library retaining it's certification.

Mr. Purcell said that state laws states that if a town's population is 12,000 or more the town has to have a Veteran's agent. Mr. Purcell would like to see the time allocated to the combined Vet's Agent/Senior Agent position split 60%-40%, respectively. A discussion on the position ensued.

Mr. Purcell discussed the sewer rate change. He said that it will yield an increase in revenue of \$118K. There is a sewer betterment of \$25K, so the net in the Sewer Operating Budget will be \$93K. He also mentioned the possibility of having to make additional cuts from either the Sewer budget or the General Operating Budget in the amount of \$8,300.

II. New Business

A. Budget Line Items –

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend account #122-570 (Selectmen - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$3,850. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #141-570 (Assessors -other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$20,995. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend account #141-520 (Assessors – purchase of services) in the amount of \$0. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend account #155-510 (Data Processing - personal service) in the amount of \$0. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #155-570 (Data Processing - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$111,000. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to reconsider account # 123-570 (Town Manager – other charges and expenditures). Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Zawasky to recommend account # 123-570 (Town Manager – other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$4,400. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to table account #123-5110 (Town Manager – salaries). Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #161-510 (Town Clerk - personal service) in the amount of \$45,232. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #161-511 (Town Clerk – other personal service) in the amount of \$36,938. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend account #161-570 (Town Clerk - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$2,350. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend account #241-510 (Inspection Department - personal service) in the amount of \$138,607. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend account #241-570 (Inspection Department - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$13,800. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #290-510 (Communication Center - personal service) in the amount of \$346,594. Second by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend account #290-570 (Communication Center - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$133,813. Second by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend account #292-510 (Animal Control - personal service) in the amount of \$36,179. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend account #292-570 (Animal Control - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$8,000. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend account #300-571 (School Department – operating expenses) in the amount of \$22,567,320. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #420-510 (Highway - personal service) in the amount of \$516,325. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to recommend account #420-570 (Highway - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$127,150. Second by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #420-580 (Highway – Capital outlay) in the amount of \$11,547. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #420-581 (Highway – Capital improvements) in the amount of \$100. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #510-510 (Board of Health - personal service) in the amount of \$114,593. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #510-570 (Board of Health - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$9,500. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #522-510 (Public Health Nurse – personal service) in the amount of \$25,834. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #522-570 (Public Health Nurse - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$9,650. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #541-510 (Council on Aging - personal service) in the amount of \$0. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #541-570 (Council on Aging - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$6,180. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Zawasky to recommend account #543-510 (Veteran's Agent - personal service) in the amount of \$24,594. Second by Mr. DeLuca. Discussion ensued. **Motion** was made by Mr. Thomas to amend recommended amount for account #543-510 (Veteran's Agent - personal service) to \$48,788. Second by Mr. Helmreich.

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #543-570 (Veteran's Agent - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$1,600. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #543-579 (Veteran's Agent - general expenses) in the amount of \$220,000. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend account #610-570 (Library - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$295,314. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Discussion - Mr. Helmreich said that if funds become available later, this is where they should go; also, if more cuts need to be made they should not be made in this area. Ms. Donna Summerfield discussed the impact of this budget cut. She urged the FinCom to look into adjusting Health benefits for town employees, as well as taking money from Stabilization and the Hicks Fund. Mr. Tarantino said that the trustees are meeting this coming week to discuss the Hicks Fund. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #630-510 (Recreation - personal service) in the amount of \$0. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #630-570 (Recreation - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$9,695. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #711-520 (Maturing Debt - purchase of services) in the amount of \$1,661,845. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #750-570 (Interest - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$34,429. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #750-590 (Interest - debt service) in the amount of \$787,080. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #910-510 (Employee Benefits - personal service) in the amount of \$1,914,390. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #910-511 (Employee Benefits - other personal service) in the amount of \$6,570,000. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #910-570 (Employee Benefits - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$300,000. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #911-570 (Unemployment - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$130,000. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #940-540 (Miscellaneous - supplies) in the amount of \$150,000. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend account #911-570 (Miscellaneous - other charges and expenditures) in the amount of \$365,697. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

B. Warrant for the Special Town Meeting –

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to reconsider Article 4 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend Article 4 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant in the amount of \$54,405 to be transferred from the Norton Reservoir Dredging Project account to the Dam Repair account. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

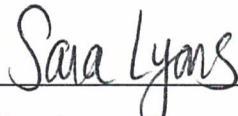
Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2008 at 7:30pm.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Zawasky to adjourn at 12:45 pm. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary