

FINCOM
Meeting Minutes – February 4th, 2017

Members Present: Bruce, Charles, Dick, Don, Heidi, John
Others: Tim Bragan, Paul Willard
Members Not Present: Steve
Location: Town Hall Meeting Room

Don called the meeting to order at 8:15AM.

Minutes: The Minutes of the February 1st meeting were approved unanimously

Public Commentary: None.

ConCom Article:

- ConCom has put forth the article because of a need for revenue to:
 - Purchase land
 - Maintain non-CPC purchased land
- Not currently receiving lease payments from Conservation Land:
 - Tim identified about \$20k revenue that could have gone to ConCom
- Over the last several years, much CPC funding has gone to other areas besides land acquisition:
 - Town Hall
 - Town records
- Going forward, ConCom should manage leases and receive proceeds
- \$200k amount for ConCom isn't possible this year due to tight budget
- \$20k funding recommendation for ConCom was approved unanimously by FinCom
- Paul Willard joined the discussion:
 - Future funding streams:
 - Private sponsorship of trails and lands
 - Leases should be examined and perhaps rewritten to accurately reflect current value
 - \$200k isn't available this year unless an override is approved
- FinCom is supportive of ConCom and its mission

Draft Recap

- Discussed changes to recap
- \$316,500 for ambulance and stretcher is in the "Other Warrant Article" line
 - Ambulance service as currently constituted isn't sustainable for the long term
 - Ambulance expenses will be paid out of revolving account in FY18
- Omnibus benefits went up \$50k
 - Health insurance plan costs have gone up by an average of 12%, total of \$200k
 - Planning buffer range has been reduced
- 1% COLA equals ~ \$120k

Omnibus Budget

- Several line items discussed:
 - Finance Department personnel cost reduced because David's salary is less than Lorraine's was
 - Election line is less due to no national election
 - Communications lower because more towns are now a part of the regional dispatch system

- Ambulance is higher due to call stipends

Warrant Articles and Additional Budget Requests:

Park and Rec director position:

- Currently in schools as the Community Education position
- Could be paid for by receipts reserved account
- Warrant article may be coming off of list

Additional Budget Requests:

- Land Use Hours
 - Unanimously rejected
- BOH support position hours increase to 15 hours/week
 - Unanimously approved
- COA Rug Cleaning
 - Unanimously voted not to increase budget for cleaning
 - Tim Bragan agreed to add this project to building maintenance duties
- School hourly tech support position
 - Unanimously rejected
- School Small Capital
 - Items 1-8 unanimously approved for a total of \$15,676
 - Remaining items unanimously rejected
- Fire training, School Science materials, School Go Math program and School New Tech leases:
 - Unanimously approved

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 8th at 7:00PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Oliver, Secretary