

FINCOM/All Boards Meeting
Meeting Minutes – January 18th, 2017

Members Present: Bruce, Don, Charles, Heidi, John, Steve

Others: Tim Bragan

Members Not Present: Dick

Location: Town Hall Meeting Room

Don called the meeting to order at 7:08PM.

Public Commentary: None.

Town Administrator Report:

- State of the State
 - Ten Questions on the FY18 State Budget - Mass Taxpayers Foundation
 - Preview of FY18 Budget Challenges - Mass Budget and Policy Center
 - State will start with an initial budget gap due to structural deficit
- Town Budget
 - Current omnibus budget sketch is in deficit
 - Some fluidity in numbers

CPIC - Debbie Ricci

- Capital Plan:
 - \$6.3 million in Capital requests through FY22
 - Increase due to:
 - Schools
 - Fire ponds
 - Roads
 - FY22 having more projects than FY17, which is coming off of the 5yr outlook

Schools - SusanMary Redinger

- Budget is up \$300k
- Budget number doesn't include new teacher contract cost
- Cost drivers are:
 - Transportation
 - Custodial contract
- Devens Fund has paid for:
 - \$900k to teacher salaries
 - \$300k for technology purchases
 - Bromfield Parking lot
 - Bromfield Science Room
- HES Building
 - In June the preferred option will be submitted to MSBA
- Bromfield House
 - Project to renovate is on hold

BOS:

- Public Buildings:
 - Town Hall
 - Occupied on time and under budget
 - Hildreth House
 - Will be reoccupied in February
 - Under budget
 - Old Library
 - RFP responses due by 1/23
 - Special BOS meeting Tuesday to review proposals and vote on them
 - Accessibility
 - Back door is low cost option @ \$55k
 - Front door access will be studied
 - Hildreth House property housing
 - Money for architectural work has been requested
 - Public Building maintenance
 - New DPW director will be responsible for building maintenance
 - Either in-house or using vendors
- Town Meeting:
 - Fire/Ambulance splitting full-time employee
 - Park and Rec director position
- Town Election:
 - Ballot question about Town's opinion on status of Devens
- Employee Benefits:
 - How can benefits costs be controlled better

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 25th at 7PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Oliver, Secretary