

**TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE, MA.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017 AT 7 PM**

- 1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:04 PM**
- 2. FINANCE COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: JAY BIKOFSKY, JIM BALFANZ, MARY BOYCE, NEIL HOLDEN, JIM MCMENAMY AND DIANE REUSS**

**ALSO ATTENDING: KEITH RAFTERY**

- 3. THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2017 WERE APPROVED; 6-0**
- 4. THE COMMITTEE ASKED THAT THE DRAFT BUDGETS BE CIRCULATED BY DANIELLE, BOTH ELECTRONICALLY AND HARD COPY.**
- 5. THE COMMITTEE CONTINUED ITS REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS.**
  - ACCOUNTANT: MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEAD.**
  - AMBULANCE: THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE STOCKBRIDGE ALLOCATION WAS DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE. CONCERNS WERE VOICED AS TO THE EXISTANCE OF A CONTRACT, BILLINGS BY LEE TO THIRD PARTY PAYORS, RECEIPTS/REVENUES ALLOCATED FROM THE BILLINGS TO STOCKBRIDGE, CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND AMBULANCE COVERAGE BY STOCKBRIDGE PERSONNEL. IT WAS DECIDED THAT A MEETING WITH LEE AMBULANCE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.**
  - ASSESSOR: THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THIS BUDGET 6-0.**
  - BUILDING INSPECTOR: THIS BUDGET WAS ALSO APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE 6-0**
  - CEMETERY: THE COMMITTEE ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE SALARY INCREASE FOR THE NEW HIRE, \$5,053 TO \$6,000, AND THE REASONING THE NEW HIRE WAS ELIGIBLE FOR THE SALARY INCREASE.**

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**6. THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTED A JOINT MEETING BE SCHEDULED WITH THE SELECT BOARD TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF ITEMS:**

- **AMBULANCE SERVICES ALTERNATIVES FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR**
- **PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLES FOR PRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**
- **BUDGET INCLUSION OF A CONTRACT NEGOTIATOR TO REPRESENT STOCKBRIDGE INTERESTS IN FUTURE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MEETINGS.**
- **THE PRECEDENT OF OFFERING COMPARABLE SALARY AND BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES NOT COVERED BY CONTRACT AS WELL AS DETAILING EMPLOYEE CAREGORIES COVERED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**
- **THE EXTENT OF SALARY, BENEFITS AND OTHER EXPENSE DETAIL PROVIDED IN THE XL SPREAD SHEETS AS COMPARED TO THE "RED BOOKS."**

**7. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8PM.**