

TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE, MA.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017 AT 7PM

- 1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7PM.**
- 2. FINANCE COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: JAY BIKOFSKY, JIM BALFANZ, MARY BOYCE, NEIL HOLDEN, JIM MCMENEMY AND DIANE REUSS**
- 3. THIS MEETING FOCUSED ON A REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS PREPARED TO DATE IN THE "RED BOOKS." A GENERAL QUESTION WAS RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE EXISTENCE OF A MULTIPLE YEAR LABOR CONTRACT, FOR UNIONIZED EMPLOYEES, AND THE WAGE AND SALARY % INCREASES AGREED UPON FOR EACH YEAR AND THE CONTRACTUAL YEAR IN FORCE FOR THIS BUDGET YEAR.**
 - ACCOUNTANT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION WAS DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER A MEETING IS SCHEDULED WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEAD.**
 - AMBULANCE: THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL OF THIS BUDGET FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR, WHICH REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE. AS THERE WERE NO ALTERNATIVES PRESENTED, 5 APPROVED AND MARY BOYCE OPPOSED. THIS BUDGET WAS ACCEPTED WITH COMPETITIVE ALTERNATIVES REQUESTED FOR FUTURE YEARS.**
 - ANIMAL CONTROL: THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THIS BUDGET 6-0.**
 - ASSESSOR: THE COMMITTEE DEFERRED ACTION PENDING CLARIFICATION OF THE AGREED UPON SALARY INCREASES.**
 - BOARD OF HEALTH-511: THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THIS BUDGET 6-0.**
 - BUILDING INSPECTOR: THE COMMITTEE DEFERRED ACTION ON THIS DEPARTMENT BASED UPON THE SALARY % PROPOSED FOR THE INSPECTOR AND CLERK, CLARIFICATION OF THE NUMBER OF HOURS AND TOWNS THE INSPECTOR CURRENTLY WORKS FOR, SPECIFIC NUMBER OF HOURS DEDICATED TO STOCKBRIDGE AND MORE DETAIL ON TRAVEL AND MEETING EXPENSES. 6-0**

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- **CEMETERY: DEFERRED BASED UPON SALARY INCREASE DETAIL, FOR WHOM AND DEFINITION OF THE CONSULTANT'S DUTIES. 6-0**
- **COLLECTOR: BASED UPON THE SALARY INCREASE ELIGIBILITY, APPROVED 6-0.**
- **COMPUTER: LEVEL FUNDED, APPROVED 6-0.**
- **CONSERVATION: APPROVED 6-0 BASED UPON CLARIFICATION OF THE DETAILS AND NEED FOR A CLERICAL SALARY.**
- **COUNCIL ON AGING: APPROVED 6-0.**
- **ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR: APPROVED 6-0 BASED UPON CONFIRMATION OF SALARY INCREASE ELIGIBILITY.**
- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: DEFERRED 6-0 PENDING CLARIFICATION OF WHEN THE \$2,460 WILL BE REIMBURSED AND THE SALARY DETAILS OF \$15,413.**
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE: APPROVED 6-0.**
- **FIRE: DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER A MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEAD. THE COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR DETAIL ON WHO GETS THE \$15,000 STIPEND AND THE APPLICABILITY OF A STIPEND 2.5% INCREASE.**
- **EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE: APPROVED 6-0.**
- **GAS AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR: APPROVED 6-0 BASED ON CONFIRMATION OF SALARY INCREASE ELIGIBILITY.**
- **HIGHWAY: DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER A MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEAD.**
- **HIGHWAY MACHINERY: DEFERRED 6-0 UNTIL AFTER A MEETING WITH HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.**
- **SNOW: DEFERRED 6-0 UNTIL AFET A MEETING WITH HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.**
- **THE COMMITTEE ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION OF "LONGEVITY PAY."**

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- **HISTORICAL COMMISSION: APPROVED 6-0.**
- **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: APPROVED 6-0.**
- **LIBRARY: DERERRED UNTIL A MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEAD.**
- **MENTAL HEALTH: APPROVED 6-0.**
- **MODERATOR: APPROVED 6-0.**
- **PARKS AND RECREATION: CLARIFICATION REQUIRED.**
- **PLANNING BOARD: APPROVED 6-0.**
- **POLICE: DEFERRED PENDING A MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEAD.**
- **STOCKBRIDGE BOWL: DEFERRED PENDING A MEETING.**
- **SELECTMEN: DEFERRED**
- **TOWN COUNSEL: APPROVED 6-0.**
- **SEWER: APPROVED 6-0.**
- **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: DEFERRED PENDING CLARIFICATION**
- **INSURANCE: DEFERRED**
- **CHIME TOWER: APPROVED 6-0.**
- **MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE: APPROVED 6-0.**
- **TOWN REPORT: APPROVED 6-0.**
- **TOWN CLERK: APPROVED 6-0 SUBJECT TO SALARY INCREASE ELIGABILITY.**
- **ELECTIONS AND ELECTION REGISTRAR: 4 APPROVED-BOYCE AND HOLDEN ABSTAINED.**

4. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:30PM.