

**TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE, MA.
JOINT SELECT BOARD-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 AT 7 PM**

- 1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7 PM**
- 2. SELECT BOARD ATTENDEES: DON CHABON AND CHUCK CARDILLO**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: JAY BIKOFSKY, JIM BALFANZ,
MARY BOYCE, NEIL HOLDEN, JIM MCMENAMY, DIANE REUSS AND STEVE SHATZ**

OTHER ATTENDEES: DANIELLE FILLIO
- 3. THE MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2017 WERE APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE; 5 IN FAVOR AND TWO ABSTENTIONS, BALFANZ AND SHATZ WHO DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING.**
- 4. THE COMMITTEE WELCOMED STEVE SHATZ AS IT'S NEWEST MEMBER.**
- 5. A RESERVE FUND TRANSFER OF \$3,747.50 WAS PRESENTED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR REMEDIATION OF A DIESEL FUEL SPILL ON GLENDALE MIDDLE ROAD THAT OCCURRED ON JULY 24, 2017. THE TRANSFER WAS APPROVED BY THE SELECT BOARD 2-0 AND BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 7-0.**
- 6. PROJECT UPDATES:**
 - THE 183 CULVERT PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 28TH. SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN ORDERED. THIS PROJECT IS CURRENTLY OUT FOR BID. IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED THAT THIS WORK DID NOT QUALIFY FOR A GRANT. LASTLY, ROAD PAVING FOLLOWING THE WORK IS ESTIMATED AT \$240,000, \$100,000 TO BE REIMBURSED UNDER CHAPTER 90.**
 - THE AVERIC BRIDGE (S) REPAIR PROJECT IS ON HOLD.**
 - IT WAS NOTED THAT THE REPAIR OF THE 183 LARRYWAUG BRIDGE HAS THUS FAR BEEN FUNDED BY \$500,000 IN STATE AND \$1 MILLION STRAP GRANTS. PROJECT PLANNING IS CURRENTLY IN PROCESS.**
 - THE BID FOR THE REPAIR OF THE SOUTH HILL BRIDGE HAS BEEN AWARDED TO F.A. LANDSCAPING, THE LOWEST BIDDER AT \$129,000. WORK WILL BEGIN IN THE EARLY FALL.**
 - THE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ADJACENT TO THE BCDS IS ON HOLD.**

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- 7. STEVE SHATZ UPDATED THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON A FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR FUNDING TO THE FORESTRY FIRE AGENCY FOR EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000. THE TOWN IS AWAITING ITS' DISPOSITION. ALSO PROPOSED WAS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF A DEPARTMENTAL GRANT APPLICATION REPORT.**
- 8. BUDGET DISCUSSIONS: IN ANTICIPATION OF THE UPCOMING BUDGET PREPARATION CYCLE, A NUMBER OF ITEMS WERE RAISED.**
 - DANIELLE WAS ASKED IF THE EXPERTISE OF RETAINING MARK WEBBER WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS THIS YEAR. SHE ADVISED THE COMMITTEE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY.**
 - NEIL HOLDEN PROPOSED THE THOUGHT OF A MANDATORY 10 % DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REDUCTION. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT REDUCTIONS WOULD BE SOUGHT ON A DEPARTMENT BY DEPARTMENT BASIS AS PART OF THE BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PREPARATION PROCESS.**
- 9. THE MATTER OF RETAINING SPECIALIZED LABOR CONTRACTUAL EXPERTISE WAS PRESENTED IN ADVANCE OF LABOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT \$7,500 BE BUDGETED AND THAT CANDIDATES BE PROPOSED BY RAY MIYARES.**
- 10. NEW BUSINESS :**
 - IT WAS PROPOSED THAT A HUMAN RESOURCE PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL PROGRAM BE DEVELOPED AS PART OF RETAINING LABOR CONTRACTUAL EXPERTISE. RAY MIYARES WOULD AGAIN BE CONSULTED.**
 - THE COMMITTEE ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON THE TOWN OFFICE CAMERA AND CARD ENTRY SYSTEMS.**
 - THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTED A FUTURE AGENDA ITEM INCLUDE THE ASSIGNMENT OF A FINANCE COMMITTEE CPC REPRESENTATIVE, REPLACING FRANK RUSSELL.**
 - LASTLY, THE COMMITTEE AWAITS PRESENTATION OF THE DETAILS OF THE TOWN GARAGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND STATUS OF THE TALBOT CENTER RELOCATRION.**
- 11. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:55**

