



Ware

MASSACHUSETTS

Finance Committee
126 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082

Meeting Date: May 10, 2018 Fiscal Year 2018
Meeting Location: Selectmen's Conference Room

Present: Denis R. Ouimette, Daniel J. O'Connor, Scott Mosso, Janice E. Hills and Devin M. Peterson
Absent: none
Guest(s): Tom Coulombe, Fire Chief
Quorum met, meeting opened at 7:03 p.m. Reserve Fund:
\$23,707.98

New Business:

Reserve Fund transfer in the amount of \$5,954.02 made by WFD to repair pumps and valves on Engine One. Request met the Safety criterion allowed under M.G.L. Ch.40, s.6 (Emergency, Unplanned Event, Health, Safety). Motion to approve made by Janice, seconded by Dan, passed on a 5-0 vote. Funds to be transferred by the TA from Finance Committee Reserve Fund #131-5701 to Fire Department Purchase OF Services #220-5200.

Reconsideration of vote: Tom asked FinComm to reconsider supporting the replacement of fluorescent lights to LEDs in the fire station. Our original vote was against the use of \$5,000 Free Cash because as a Green Community, Ware is eligible for annual grants for energy efficiency and we felt this was a better use of funding. However, the Chief brought in detailed information that showed the new lights cost \$11,00 and National Grid was going to offer an immediate rebate of \$6,600; and which showed the energy savings would be significantly enough to have a breakeven cost of just over two (2) years. Also, several major projects were in line for energy upgrades including weatherization of town buildings, new heating systems for both the town hall and the schools; as such, there may not be any funding left for the new lights. Also, the \$6,600 rebate from the electrical utility may not be available in the future. Armed with this information, it was an easy decision to back the transfer immediately at the upcoming ATM. Motion to change our recommendation to "yes" was made by Scott, seconded by Devin and passed by as 5-0 vote.

3rd Quarter Revenue/Expense Report: reviewed; also, email responses to series of questions on the report to the TA by Denis.

Old Business:

Minutes of April 24, 2018, motion to approve by Dan, seconded by Devin passed on a 5-0 vote.

Beacon: latest issue of Mass. Municipal Assoc. passed out.

Next Meeting: Annual Town Meeting is Monday, May 14, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm by motion of Dan; seconded by Denis and passed by a 5-0 vote.

May 10, 2018, minutes reviewed and approved:

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