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MASSACHUSETTS

Finance Committee  
126 Main Street  
Ware, MA 01082

Meeting Date: Friday, April 8, 2016  
Meeting Location: Selectmen's Conference Room

Present: Denis R. Ouimette, Scott Mosso, Daniel J. O'Connor, Janice E. Hills,  
Brendan O'Neil  
Absent: none  
Guest(s): Stuart Beckley, Town Manager; Clayton Sydla, Capital Planning; Ken Kovitch,  
Acting Police Chief

Quorum met, meeting opened at 7:08 p.m.

Reserve Fund: **\$16,144.17**

## New Business:

Reserve Fund transfer request in the amount of **\$3,600** was made by Acting Chief Kovitch for clothing expenses (#210-5130) for two police officers to attend the academy. Since hirings are infrequent and cannot be economically planned for, this request met the *Unplanned Event* criterion for a Reserve Fund transfer. There are four (4) criteria: *Unplanned Event, Health, Safety and Emergency*. Motion to approve made by Scott, seconded by Janice passed unanimously 5-0. Transfer to made from #131—5701 *FinComm Reserve Fund* to (#210-5130 *Police – Clothing Allowance*).

Reserve Fund transfer request in the amount of **\$10,000** was made by Acting Chief Kovitch for overtime costs (#210-5120) related to the school resource officer. Since salaries almost never fit any of the four (4) criteria for a Reserve Fund transfer, it is a habit of FinComm to deny all requests. Motion to **deny** the request was made by Dan, seconded by Scott and passed by a 5-0 vote. A recommendation was made for the Acting Chief to revisit the request in May via a line item transfer from either within or without the department, as allowed by the Commonwealth with a majority approval vote of FinComm and the BOS.

Reserve Fund transfer request in the amount of **\$20,000** was made by the TM for legal expenses. Costs were accrued through extended negotiations with the town unions about contracts, and with costs associated with the application by Tri-County Recycling to apply for a Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) permit which was denied. Determined to have met the *Unplanned Event* criterion, motion to approve was made by Scott, seconded by Dan and passed 5-0. Transfer to be from #131-5701 *FinComm Reserve Fund* to #151 *Law*.

Warrant Articles to appear in the Annual Town Meeting were reviewed. Acceptance of the proposed town budget, including \$11.6 million for the schools and the warrant articles was made by Dan and seconded by Janice, passed by a 3-2 vote.

ATFC workshop: Assoc. of Town Finance Committees’ closest workshop is in Hadley on May 19, 2016.

Letter to the Editor: Motion by Scott, seconded by Dan to approve a letter to be composed by Denis congratulating the schools for their positive report from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), passed by a 5-0 vote.

**Old Business:**

Email: Discussion among Denis, TM and DPW Director about funding the culvert replacement off Osbourne Road possibly using a new \$50 million program for small (<20’ span) proposed by Gov. Baker.

Beacon: Monthly newsletter from Mass Municipal Assoc. (MMA) was passed out.

Minutes: of March 24, 2016, reviewed and amendment was made to add that Scott abstained from discussion of the P&CD Department because his wife works there. A motion to approve as amended by Dan, seconded by Scott and passed by 5-0 vote.

Town Elections: Monday, April 11, 2016

Annual Town Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2016

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016, jointly w/BOS to review town budget and warrant articles

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm by motion of Denis; seconded by Dan and passed by a 5-0 vote.

April 8, 2016, minutes reviewed and approved:

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