



Ware

MASSACHUSETTS

Finance Committee
126 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082

Meeting Date: Wednesday January 18, 2017
Meeting Location: Selectmen's Conference Room

Present: Denis R. Ouimette, Daniel J. O'Connor, Scott Mosso, Janice E. Hills, Brendan O'Neil
Absent: none
Guest(s): Olivia Mosso (4yrs old, Special Honorary member)

Quorum met, meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Reserve Fund: **\$40,400.00**

New Business:

Snow & Ice Budget: Authorization to deficit spend in accordance with MGL Ch. 44, S. 31D motioned by Scott, seconded by Janice and passed by 5-0 vote. Negative amount gets balanced ("paid") with the Cherry Sheet from the State in the Spring.

Budget Priorities: TM wanted each department to list the priorities of where the Town should focus its money, either from a list he provided or from other ideas from the departments. FinComm opted to fund existing capital improvements (roads, buildings, etc.) rather than expansion of obligations; training should come from within a department's budget.

Old Business:

Minutes of November 28, 2016, reviewed; motion to accept made by Scott, seconded by Janice passed by a 5-0 vote.

Newsletters: monthly issues of *Beacon* and quarterly issue of *Municipal Advocate* handed out.

Pathfinder email: Reviewed December 14, 2016; email stated the excess funds in their budget per state audit was **\$568,842**. Per MGL regional schools are allowed to keep 5% over their budget as a cushion, anything above that gets returned to their member towns. The unencumbered funds in this case is **\$0.00** meaning the excess is less than 5% of their total budget.

Police training: Denis to email Chief Kovitch to find out the status of the training FinComm funded.

Next Meeting: TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm by motion of Denis; seconded by Scott and passed by a 5-0 vote.

January 18, 2017, minutes reviewed and approved:

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