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MASSACHUSETTS

Finance Committee  
126 Main Street  
Ware, MA 01082

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017  
Meeting Location: Selectmen's Conference Room

Present: Denis R. Ouimette, Daniel J. O'Connor, Scott Mosso and Janice E. Hills  
Absent: Brendan O'Neil  
Guest(s): Stuart Beckley, TM; Superintendent Marlene Di Leo and members of the School Committee

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

Reserve Fund: **\$22,070.64**

## **New Business:**

School Budget: After much spirited discussion, the agreement was reached to reduce the initial cut of \$139,902 to **\$84,902**. This would mean a budget in the neighborhood **\$11.5 million**, not including **\$2.8 million** to be split between Transportation and *Pathfinder* expenses. Grand Total Schools: **\$14.3 million**. We thank the School Committee for working with us and congratulate the Superintendent for the full accreditation and the 65<sup>th</sup> (out of 353 schools) ranking.

Reserve Fund transfer request in the amount of **\$4,000** was made by Fire Chief Coulombe for new rear tires on the tower truck. When the truck went into the shop for repairs to a flat tire caused by a screw, it was determined each of the rear tires (9 years old) were dry-rotted and needed replacement. There are eight (8) rear tires and cost \$500 *per tire* to replace. There are twelve (12) tires in all on the tower truck; the front tires do not need replacing at this time, but cost \$800 each when they do. The request met the *Safety* criterion of the four (*Safety, Health, Unplanned Event, Emergency*) under M.G.L. CH. 40, s. 6. Motion to approve by Dan, seconded by Janice, passed 4-0. Money to be transferred from #131-5701 *Finance Committee Reserve Fund* to #220-5400 *Fire Supplies*.

Reserve Fund transfer request in the amount of **\$5,174.40** was made by COA Director John Zienowicz for a new engine in the Senior Center van. The original 2008 had 170k miles; with the recent transmission replacement last year, Denis will email the COA Director and tell John to get a request for a new van on the Capital Plan. The request fulfilled the *Unplanned Event* criterion under M.G.L. Ch. 40 s. 6. Motion to approve by Scott, seconded by Dan, passed 4-0. Money to be transferred from #131-5701 *Finance Committee Reserve Fund* to #541-5200 *COA Purchase of Services*.

**Bond Rating:** Much congratulations to TM and financial team for the latest bond rating. S&P Global affirmed the Town’s **AA Rating with a “Stable Outlook.”** Highest Town bond rating ever.

**Old Business:**

Minutes of March 23, 2017: Motion for approval by Scott, seconded by Dan, passed 4-0 vote.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday April 5, 2017

**Town Elections: April 10, 2017**

**Annual Town Meeting: May 8, 2017**

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm by motion of Denis; seconded by Dan and passed by a 4-0 vote.

March 30, 2017, minutes reviewed and approved:

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