

Ware Finance Committee

January 22, 2015

Selectmen's Conference Room

Present: Denis R. Ouimette, Daniel J. O'Connor, Scott Mosso, Janice E. Hills, Brendan O'Neil

Absent: none

Guest(s): none

Quorum met, meeting opened at 7:35 pm.

Reserve Fund balance: \$42,700.00

New Business:

Quorum: For the first time in five (5) years, FinComm has five members and each of them together in one meeting. Motion by Scott to re-elect Denis as chairman and Dan as vice-chairman was seconded by Janice and passed unanimously.

Deficit spending: In accordance with MGL. Ch. 44, s.31D, FinComm approved deficit spending for the snow removal budget as done annually. With approval from the TM, too, the DPW can continue to purchase sand/salt and spread it on town roads and parking lots as needed; motion to approve by Janice, seconded by Scott passed by a 5-0 vote.

Senate email: Ch.90 was restored to its full limit with the authorization of release of the remaining **\$100 million** by Governor Baker.

Capital Planning Committee: Nothing planned for the immediate future per Scott (FinComm liaison) and Dan (as member of community-at-large). As part of the discussion of capital needs in town, a push by FinComm to get a police cruiser line item to be permanently included in the police (#210) budget is considered. Since two (2) new cruisers were just authorized at town meeting, the line item for a cruiser in FY'16 budget (if allowed) would be a zero balance, but would serve as a placeholder for future requests. Also, Denis to send emails to get information as to percentage breakdown, etc. of monies generated from speeding tickets and drug busts; always looking outside the box to generate income for Ware.

Beacon: Latest issue handed out.

Old Business:

ATFC manual: The 2014 edition of the FinComm manual on CD was handed out to Janice and Brendan. The CDs are one of the benefits of current membership in the ATFC.

Pathfinder: The letter sent by Denis requesting info on number of Ware students and what the majority are studying, has not yet been answered.

The minutes of January 6, 2015, were motioned for approval by Dan and seconded by Scott; passed by a 5-0 vote.

Next Meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm; motion to adjourn made by Denis, seconded by Scott and approved by 5-0 vote.

January 15, 2015, Minutes reviewed and approved:
