FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 28, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Old Water Department Room – Falmouth Town Hall
59 Town Hall Square, Falmouth, MA 02540

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Keith Schwegel, Nick Lowell, Susan P. Smith, Kathleen Beriau, Joseph “Dutch” Drolette Ron Dyer, Cynthia Eaton, Peter Hargraves, Mary Harris, Joseph Lemay, Judith P. Magnani, Deborah D. Maguire, Jim Marnell, James Newman, Wendy Vogel
Absent: None
Public Present: Jennifer Mullen (Finance Director), Julian Suso (Town Manager), Sam Patterson (Board of Selectmen), Brad Cole (Falmouth Enterprise)

Handouts:

1. WELCOME
   Keith Schwegel opened the meeting at 7:01pm

2. PUBLIC COMMENT
   None

3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
   Keith discussed the April Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article Assignments
   He also noted that the February 25th meeting would be held in the Herman Room at the Falmouth Public Library, adding that the discussion of the Override Article would occur at that meeting
   He stated that the Committee members responsible for the Fire/Rescue Budget item (No. 6 on the Agenda) would be postponed until a future meeting.

4. APPROVE MINUTES – DECEMBER 10, 2019
   Peter Hargraves requested that Item 6, Bullet 5 be changed to “investigating financial trends”
   Keith moved the minutes as amended
   All in favor

5. GENERAL GOVERNEMENT - PERSONNEL
   Judy Magnani requested that the item be moved to a future meeting

6. PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT
   Per the note in the Chairman’s Report, this item was moved to a future meeting

7. PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE DEPARTMENT
   Jim Newman moved $6,835,558 for the Police Department
   Dutch Drolette seconded
   Jim presented the details of the budget
   The Committee discussed the following:
   - Police Vehicles
   - Vehicle Maintenance
   - Uniforms
   - Drug Investigation
   All but one in favor, Susan Smith abstained
8. PUBLIC SAFETY – MARINE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
Peter Hargraves moved $1,065,975 for Marine & Environmental Services
Dutch Drolette seconded
Peter presented the details of the budget, focusing on the following:
- Electricity
- Printing
- Site Improvement
- Pump-Out Boat
All but one in favor, Susan Smith abstained

9. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – BUILDING DEPARTMENT
Judy Magnani recused herself and left the room
Dutch Drolette moved $736,678 for the Building Department
Wendy Vogel seconded
Dutch presented the details of the budget, focusing on the following:
- Salaries
- Repair & Maintenance – Office Equipment
The Committee discussed the following:
- Salary increases
All in favor

There was a short discussion on the wage increases across the departments and the impact of the AFSCME A settlement on the budget

10. DPW – HIGHWAY DIVISION – WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY
Wendy Vogel moved to reconsider $360,895 for the Waste Management Facility
Susan Smith seconded
Wendy re-addressed the following:
- Recycling services
- Well monitoring
The Committee discussed the following:
- Scrap metal fees
- Other items collected at the facility
All in favor

11. DPW – FLEET SERVICES
Wendy Vogel moved $494,261 for Fleet Services
Dutch Drolette seconded
Wendy presented the details of the budget, focusing on the following:
- Vacancies
- Age of the fleet and its impact on maintenance costs
The Committee discussed the following:
- Licenses and permits
All in favor

12. DPW – WATER DIVISION
Wendy Vogel requested that the item be moved to a future meeting

13. DPW – RENEWABLE ENERGY
Wendy Vogel requested that the item be moved to a future meeting
14. COMMUNITY SERVICES – VETERANS’ SERVICES
   Jim Marnell moved $598,968 for Veterans’ Services
   Dutch Drolette seconded
   Jim explained the details of the budget
   The Committee discussed the following:
   - State reimbursement
   - State requirements for municipalities
   All in favor

15. OTHER BUSINESS
   Keith Schwegel addressed Article 6 in the April Annual Town Meeting Warrant regarding gifts and grants. He commented that the current process to involve the Finance Committee does not allow time to consider the particular grant or gift before it goes before the Board of Selectmen.

16. ADJOURN
   Dutch Drolette moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm
   Ron Dyer seconded
   All in favor