FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2019  
OLD WATER DEPARTMENT ROOM-TOWN HALL  
59 TOWN HALL SQUARE, FALMOUTH, MASS 02540  

DRAFT MINUTES  

Present: Wendy Vogel, Nick Lowell, Susan Smith, Keith Schwegel, Mary Harris, Ron Dyer, Kathleen Beriau, Dutch Drolette, Judy Magnani, James Marnell, Deborah Maguire  
Absent: Peter Hargraves  
Public present: Julian Suso-town manager  

WELCOME  
Keith Schwegel called meeting to order 7:02 PM  

PUBLIC COMMENT  
No public comment  

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT  
Keith reported four more meeting-last meeting March 12, 2019  

APPROVE MINUTES  
Nick moved the minutes of January 29, 2019  
Mary Harris seconded.  
VOTED POSITIVELY  

FINANCE COMMITTEE RESERVE FUND:  
Was tabled till end of meeting. Discussion when brought back to table was about the appropriate amount of money to be in this line item. Percentage of budget was discussed versus raising to $375,000. Committee to revisit at the appropriate budgeting time in the fall for 2021.  
Judy Magnani moved $ 325,000 for the reserve fund.  
Dutch Drolette seconded.  
PASSED-with Nick and Ron opposed.  

TOWN CLERK  
Ron Dyer Moved $279,767.00 for the Town Clerk budget.  
Susan Smith seconded  
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY  

TOWN MEETING  
Ron Dyer Moved $38,500.00 for the town meeting budget.  
Dutch seconded  
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY  

TOWN MODERATOR  
Ron Dyer moved $1500.00 for the town moderator budget.  
Susan Smith seconded  
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY  

ELECTIONS
Ron Dyer Moved $70,600.00 for elections budget.
Judy Magnani seconded
3 elections in the budget year being discussed (2020)
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

DPW ADMINISTRATION AND ENGINEERING
Wendy Vogel moved $825,636.00 for DPW admin and engineering budget.
Susan Smith seconded.
OSHA requirements and state licensing account for unforeseen increases. OSHA will continue to cause rises in training and licensing accounts.
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

DPW STREET LIGHTING
Wendy Vogel moved $105,000 for Street lighting budget.
Susan Smith seconded
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

FACILITIES
Wendy Vogel moved $1,035,384.00 for the facilities budget.
Susan Smith seconded.
Concerns were about Bucket Truck and staffing
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

DPW SOLID WASTE
Mary Harris moved $3,546,000.00 for the solid waste budget.
Dutch Drolette seconded
Contracts have 2% escalator per year. Paid by ton. Julian Suso reinforced that curbside pickup being discontinued was a misinformation that was spreading but incorrect.
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

DPW WASTE MANAGEMENT
Mary Harris voted $360,842.00 for the DPW waste management budget.
Dutch Drolette seconded
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

DPW WATER
Wendy Vogel moved $3,211,846.00 for the water department budget.
Dutch Drolette seconded.
Increase is in maintenance, contracts, chemicals and OSHA regulations Enterprise fund to be studied.
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

DPW RENEWABLE ENERGY
WENDY VOGEL MOVED $35,482.00 for the renewable energy budget.
Susan Smith seconded. This budget covers remote monitoring and safety requirements.
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

FALMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY
Mary Harris moved $2,097,211.00 for the Library budget.  
Susan Smith seconded.  
Union contracts are settled in this department. Concerns were for the Friends of the Library paying for items that should be in the budget and no staff development.  
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY  
RETIREMENT  
Mary Harris moved $8,451,144.00 for retirement budget. Dutch Drolette seconded. This line item is a legal obligation. Nick Lowell and Judy Magnani left and did not participate in discussion or vote. Concerns were with future growth requiring a larger percentage of budget.  
RESERVE FUND TRANSFER-PLANNING  
Susan Smith moved $5000.00 for the planning department 2019 budget.  
Dutch Drolette seconded.  
Advertising line item.  
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY  
OTHER BUSINESS  
NEXT MEETING  
Tuesday February 19, 2019 7 PM, Old Water Dept. Room, Town Hall 59 Town Hall Square, Falmouth, Mass 02540  
ADJOURN  
Dutch moved to adjourn 8.30 pm  
Judy seconded  
VOTED POSITIVELY