

MINUTES
COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015
4:05 P.M. – Municipal Building / Council Chamber A

- 1. Call to Order.** S. Babine, Finance Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
- 2. Those Present.** Finance Committee Members present – Shawn. Babine, Finance Chair, William Donovan, and Peter Hayes; others present were Thomas Hall, Town Manager, also present various Town Administrators and other staff.
- 3. Approval of Minutes.** Motion by P. Hayes, seconded by W. Donovan, to move approval to except the minutes of April 14, 2015, Finance Committee meeting.
Motion passed: Vote – 3 Yeas.
- 4. Discussion Items.**
 - a. 4:05 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. – Community Services, budgets and capital projects (projects/equipment) were presented by B. Gullifer, Director and discussed. No changes directed.
 - W. Donovan inquired if revenues from the beach parking fees is used to cover the expenditures of running the beaches. B. Gullifer, Director stated that yes that was correct.
 - P. Hayes inquired about the 6% increase in fees for the child care program that it was a big hit on the parents of participating student. B. Gullifer stated that the child care program fees is in line with surrounding communities and the marketplace for those services.
 - T.Hall, Town Manager stated it is a delicate balance that Community Services has to reach for fees for the child care services provided so as not to turn business away.
 - P. Hayes, Town inquired if it was more costly to use the organics to manage the fields. B. Gullifer stated that it is more costly but that we are only in our second year and it takes three to five years before we should see good results.
 - P. Hayes, inquired if the increase to beach revenues indicates the day passes would be going up in cost. B. Gullifer stated that the regular season passes would not be increasing in cost only the day passes cost is going up.
 - b. 4:50 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. – Administration, budgets and capital projects (projects/equipment) were presented by T. Hall, Town Manager and discussed. No changes directed.
 - S. Babine, Chair inquired what % of benefits is included in the wage adjustments line under Administration. J. Mandrake, Human Resource Director stated that all benefit costs are shown in the individual department budgets. The reason for this is if the adjustments are not approved in the budget it is easier to remove than making adjustments in each individual department budget.

- P. Hayes stated that he was not comfortable with the Council making the decision for taxpayers as to where their tax dollars are allocated for charitable organizations. He feels it up to the taxpayer to decide what charities should benefit from the tax dollar. T. Hall, Town Manager stated perhaps that this item in the future should be referred to the Policy Committee as to how to apply funding to charitable organizations
- c. 5:20 p.m. to 6:05 p.m. – Public Works, budget and capital projects (projects/equipment) were presented by M. Shaw, Director and discussed. No changes directed.
- M. Shaw stated that due to the PAYT program not being considered by the Council for the Budget year that an adjustment of \$400,625 decrease in revenues should be made. An adjustment to increase expenditures in the amount of \$139,358 in ecomaine tipping fees also due to the non-consideration of the PAYT program in this fiscal year.
 - S. Babine inquired what is causing the increase in the Operations budget of \$240,000. M. Shaw, stated that it is a combination of the need to purchase salt as Public Works no longer has a surplus after the past winter as in previous years, mowing and maintenance of the center road islands and the increase cost of vehicle parts and labor expenditures.

5. Future Meetings & Agenda Items.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

- Final Discussion and Review of Budget Recommendations

The FY16 Town Budget Forum will be on Wednesday April 29, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the High School Auditorium.

6. Public Comment. None

- 7. Adjourn.** Motion by P. Hayes seconded by W. Donovan to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.
Vote – 3 Yeas

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette A. Mathieson
Recording Secretary