

Barrington Committee on Appropriations

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2015

Opening

The regular meeting of the Barrington Committee on Appropriations was called to order at 7:03 pm on March 3, 2015 in Barrington Senior Center by Geoff Grove.

Present

Attendees: Geoff Grove, Peter Dennehy, Chad Mollica, Melissa Horne, Peter Clifford

Also in attendance: Peter DeAngelis, Kathy Raposa, Jean Robertson

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 24th meeting were not ready and will be approved at the next meeting.

Open Issues

All COA members acknowledged receipt of school budget via e-mail.

Remainder of meeting was devoted to discussion of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). No recommendations were made, but there was a lot of discussion that led to a good understanding of the proposed budget. Some of the highlights:

- The budget was developed using established priorities within the historical limit of about 1M\$.
- In the past, school capital items are frequently not included in the CIP. For this year, the school capital budget will be reviewed separately with the school administration.
- There was a general discussion about the distinction between capital and operating expenditures. While several items could be treated as operating expenditures, there is better control and more flexibility when they are put in capital reserve accounts
- More information is needed on the 800 MHz Radio System.
- While the Public Works request is much higher than recent years, it is comparable to past years. Grants have reduced recent year requirements.

- There was general discussion about contracted services. While it has been favorable for refuse collection, there is concern about some critical services, like snow plowing and road maintenance.
- Environmental Issues funding is follow up to landfill capping activities.
- Opal Software is commonly used in the State and replaces existing software that has become expensive to support.
- The proposed Senior Van will be more accessible for the handicapped.
- The bulk of Energy Planning/Projects funds are to purchase streetlights which will result in reduced maintenance cost - less than 2 year payback.

Agenda for Next Meeting

The School budget will be presented by the School Administration and Finance Director.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Geoff Grove. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on March 10, 2015, in Barrington Senior Center.

Minutes submitted by: Peter Clifford

Approved by: Geoff Grove

General Fund Appropriation - Capital Projects.xlsx

Acct #	Department	Project Name	FY 2012 Budget	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Budget	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Budget	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Budget	FY 2016 Proposed
1000	Police	Auto Replacement*		60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	65,000
1001	Police	Equipment		23,500	13,500	13,500	15,000	15,000	15,000	59,000
1100	Fire	Apparatus Replacement*		100,000		100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
1103	Fire	Equipment		50,000	98,000	98,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	40,000
1200	Public Works	Vehicles		250,000		250,000	60,000	60,000		260,000
1200	Public Works	Small Equipment								56,000
1203	Public Works	Pavement Mgmt *			25,000	25,000	70,000	70,000		
1300	Other Departments	Town Hall Comp / Tech Fund* [Finance]			40,000	40,000	10,000	10,000	50,000	
1325	Other Departments	Revaluation* [Assessor]			140,000		175,000		195,000	80,000
1350	Other Departments	Scan Assessor Field Cards							8,500	
1375	Other Departments	Zoning/Rewrite Comprehensive Plan			20,000					
1475	Other Departments	Harbormaster Equipment * [Harbormaster]		8,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	13,000	9,000
1500	Other Departments	Peck Center Improvements*			100,000	100,000	7,000	7,000	4,000	4,000
1610	Public Works	Environmental Issues*		30,000	40,000	40,000	240,000	240,000	105,000	40,000
3001	Other Departments	P.S. Bldg. Constr. *					50,000	50,000		
3002	Other Departments	Town Hall Impr. *		175,000	80,000	80,000	50,000	50,000		
	Other Departments	Comp. Plan Update/Implementation [Planning]							30,000	35,000
	Other Departments	Energy Planning / Projects [Planning]			10,000		30,000	29,746	30,000	90,000
	Other Departments	Community Center Feasibility Study			25,000					
	Other Departments	Management Plan - Planning			5,000					
	Other Departments	Assessor Software Update		(50,000)					15,000	
	Other Departments	Opal Administrative Software [Assessor]								150,000
	Other Departments	Bay Spring Center Improvements			80,000					
	Other Departments	Senior Van [Senior Center]								48,000
	Other Departments	Repair Woods Pond gazebo, fence [Rec.]								18,000
	Other Departments	Skateboard Park [Recreation]								34,000
		Municipal Total	781,000	646,500	745,500	815,500	926,000	750,746	675,500	1,088,000
2001	Schools	RI Fire Code Upgrades *				(64,925)				
2002	Schools	School Improvements*		950,308		93,193		712,672		
2006	Schools	Capital Reserve - Technology*		150,000		150,000	275,000	275,000	275,000	
		Long Range School Planning		(26,306)						
		School Total	0	1,074,002	0	178,268	275,000	987,672	275,000	0
		TRANSFERS FROM GENERAL FUND	781,000	1,720,502	745,500	993,768	1,201,000	1,738,418	950,500	1,088,000
		REVENUE		330,054		319,290		360,112		
		EXPENDITURES		3,612,108		1,279,261		2,370,297		
		OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES		729,600						
		NET CHANGE		(831,952)		33,797		(271,767)		

