

Barrington Committee on Appropriations

Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2016

Opening

The regular meeting of the Barrington Committee on Appropriations was called to order at 7:00 pm on January 26, 2016 in the Barrington Senior Center by Geoff Grove.

Present

Geoff Grove, Melissa Horne, Peter Dennehy, Chad Mollica, and Richard Staples

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

There were no prior minutes as this was the first meeting of the year.

Open Issues

Welcome Richard Staples to the Committee. There is a nice article about Richard here:

<http://pdq.rwu.edu/news/board-chair-richard-staples-jr-serve-interim-leader-housingworks-ri>.

Peter Dennehy nominated Geoff Grove for Chair and Chad Mollica for Vice-Chair of the Committee. Melissa Horne seconded the nominations. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The meeting schedule was discussed and set. Appropriations plans to meet on every Tuesday beginning February 23 until the Financial Town Meeting on May 25th with the exception of Tuesday, March 8.

The Firefighter contract was discussed. It was confirmed that the contract just signed designates a 2% wage increase in each of the three years of the contract, the same as in the prior contract from 2013.

The issue of fee-in-lieu funds was brought up. This issue relates to the fee that will be paid by the developer of the Shineharmony property (aka Zion Bible Institute) to the Barrington Housing Trust in lieu of building the required number of affordable housing units. Chad believes that these funds must be subject to voter approval before they are appropriated to the Housing Trust. Richard disagrees. This issue is currently before the Town Council awaiting a legal opinion.

Chad would like to request from the Town and Schools salary information with hire dates and birth dates, but names redacted.

Agenda for Next Meeting

Expected revenues and Capital budget requests

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Geoff Grove. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on February 23, 2016, in the Barrington Library Meeting Room.

Minutes submitted by: Geoff Grove

Approved by: Appropriations