

TOWN OF TIVERTON

BUDGET COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, March 10, 2016

7:00 PM

TIVERTON TOWN HALL

343 HIGHLAND RD

TIVERTON, RI 02878

Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order: 7:05 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Deb Janick, John Souza, Laura Epke, Nancy Driggs, Donna Cook, Joe Bento, Madeline O'Dell, Louise Durfee, Alex Cote

Absent: Josh Mello, Cecil Leonard

Video taping of this meeting by Andrew Rys for airing on Channel 18 during week.

MEETING

1. Review and vote on minutes from 2/3/16 meeting: L Durfee makes motion to accept minutes, 2nd by L Epke. VOTE: 7-0-2 (A Cote and D Janick abstain)

2. Recreation budget presented by M Wojcik. Plan is to keep Grinnells Beach open this year. Increase requested in Field Rehab (8840-6630) which is a significant project typically put out to bid. This year Silvia Field at Town Farm needs renovations. Preventative maintenance is a systems wide program such as bug control. Overall, the request is down \$2000 from last year.

3. EDC presented by M Wojcik. This request has been decreased as this account has not been spent out in multiple years.

4. Harbor and Coastal Management Commission budget is presented by Bruce Cox. Requests are for new line items: DEM water quality certificate (\$300) which might have an impact on the number of boats allowed to be moored. Also, Basin Mooring Analysis which would provide a plan for lineup of moorings, hopefully to increase number of moorings to increase revenue. The Boathouse moorings have been released by the new owners due to nonuse. Expect to replace those moorings to replace lost revenue. D Janick asks if this analysis is a 1 time fee request. B Cox is not sure as he is not sure of the actual cost of the analysis. This will need to go out for bid. The request for water quality testing (\$2400) is an annual testing. We now have baseline info as we have developed data and can move forward to make corrections. (ie run off of chemicals, septic, etc into water)

5. Harbor Master presented by Tyler Loomis. He requests increase (3360-6690) for boat upkeep. He also discusses the Capital request of \$5000 for electronics to replace the old system which is not always functional. The improved GPS would allow moorings plotting easier. This item was not approved by TC due to prioritization.

6. Code Enforcement presented by M Wojcik. The building inspector is unable to attend today due to illness. M Wojcik requests that specific questions be held until his availability. In order to meet the increased needs in this department, a request for an additional clerk is made. There has been much laxity in inspections and violations have occurred as there have not been enough man hours to oversee all the activity. There have been increased NOV's (notice of violation) issued as there was not sufficient staff to perform timely inspections. Line (1060-5102) Salary- Building/Zoning clerk is Jody who is a senior clerk. The next line (1060-5102) Salary-Land Use Clerk NEW (M Wojcik request to remove the title Zoning and Planning) is the requested new position. Town Council studied this need and have approved this position. D Perry presents the document detailing all the building requests in various stages of approval in town.

7. Planning Dept presented by Mark Russo. He requests increase in education in order to maintain certification for planner and increased publications which assists with legalities and can be utilized by other departments. Computer upgrades with a onetime software cost is also requested. And the planner position is posted.

8. Planning Board also presented by Mark Russo. Changes include elimination of Administrative officer costs as this has been merged with other budgets. Supplies and misc (1070-7423) has been decreased. Comp plan (1070-7152) has been increased in anticipation of increased costs for completion of the comp plan next fiscal year. Education/seminars (1150-5928) request increased as this was cut by Petitioner budget and is necessary for these employees for success

in their job duties.

9. Zoning Board presented by M Wojcik. Cost is for stenographer.

10. Health Insurance presented by M Wojcik. Increase is approximately 14%. In anticipation of significantly higher increases in subsequent years, M Wojcik reports he will begin to investigate other options in the future, possibly to include going outside the trust.

11. Pensions presented by M Wojcik. Town MERS account is overfunded. Target is 80% and we are currently at 120%.

12. Debt service as presented on Page 3 of the Town Council approved version as of 3/5/16 at approximately 1 pm. M Wojcik reports this is the officially approved version.

13. Capital Requests: L Durfee suggests spread costs of Capital by bonding combined items. Note that some school capital can be reimbursed under RIDE.

14. Site visits: Mr O'dell reports that site visit to Crandall Rd Fire Station which he attended with A Cote and J Souza showed areas which require repairs. He reports many minor repairs needed and some structural repairs needed. Estimates less than \$35,000 for roof requested, however, there will be other repairs required to improve infrastructure, increase energy efficiency and make structurally sound. . Also reports that exterior wall repair will be less than \$15,000. He again emphasizes that these repairs need to be completed ASAP, before they continue to get worse and will require additional funds to repair.

15. Old Business: L Epke asks about Police Pension letter. M Wojcik

will forward to members of BC. Matt reports he has not received a response yet.

16. D Janick makes motion to adjourn. 2nd by M O'dell. VOTE: Unanimous. Meeting adjourns 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Janick, Secretary