

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**February 6, 2014**  
**Minutes**

Chairman John F. Doherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Theresa M Manganelli, Jonathan R. Eaton, Bernard P. Nally Jr., Robert P. Palmer, Richard K. Hayden, William J. Wallace, Victoria L. Ellsworth, Jordan Weiner.

Also present: Jeffrey M. Hull, Town Manager, Kendra Amaral, Assistant Town Manager

Building Inspector/Board of Appeals (pg. 46):

PRESENT IN INTEREST: Al Spaulding, Inspector of Buildings & Zoning Enforcement Officer

Mr. Spaulding - Asks if there are any questions.

Ms. Manganelli – Asks if there is an upswing on construction. Mr. Spaulding – Yes, in demolition and building. Discussion of types of houses being built and commercial property.

Mr. Spaulding – Explained there are no major changes in the budget compared to last year.

Mr. Doherty – Asked if a Quonset hut needs a permit? Mr. Spaulding – Responded that it does need a permit.

M. Doherty – Asked if completed building permits will be posted online. Mr. Spaulding - Responded that as of now, no.

Ms. Manganelli – Asked what the stipend in the budget is for. Mr. Spaulding – Explained that the stipend is for the alternate plumbing, electrical, gas and building inspectors.

Board of Health (pg. 41):

PRESENT IN INTEREST: Shelly Newhouse, R.S., Director of Public Health

Ms. Newhouse – Reviewed the budget. It is the same as last year. We offer more clinics than just flu, i.e. shingles, hepatitis. We use to get vaccines from the State, now we have to pay for it. Brief discussion on charges for clinics.

Discussion on mental health services and workshops. Mr. Hull – Explained that efforts have been ongoing to determine how best to address mental health services. The Town was not getting what was needed from the prior arrangement with Wilmington Family Counseling.

Mr. Doherty – Asked if there are any grants available for drug abuse prevention or treatment. Ms. Newhouse – Explained that she is In the process of looking into grants. Mr. Doherty – Recommended she look into the Rotary Club of Wilmington which offer grants.

Ms. Manganelli – Asked what is the largest public health problem in our Town. Ms. Newhouse – Noted prescription drug abuse and mental health issues are the big challenges. Discussion on substance abuse and how the Town can help. Ms. Manganelli – Recommends the Town consider having a social worker, to help families work through these challenges. Ms. Newhouse – Described the five-year grant she is in the process of applying for to fund a social worker type position. For youth services that could branch out to their family. Grant is \$125,000/year, Town would have to match the funding if awarded.

Planning & Conservation (Pg. 44):

PRESENT IN INTEREST: Carole Hamilton, Director

Ms. Hamilton – Reviewed the budget. It is a level funded budget with the exception of salary. Beginning to see activities in the commercial industries. For the first time in 10 years we are seeing residential development. There is also a lot of commercial property, which is being reused. Discussion on new development for commercial and residential. Brief discussion on the Yentile Farm development. Discussion on medical marijuana locations. Mr. Hull – Noted that the Open Space Plan is now updated, which makes the Town eligible for grants.

Other Business:

None

There being no further business, a motion was made by Victoria Ellsworth, seconded by Theresa Manganelli and by the affirmative vote of all, it was.

VOTED: That the Finance Committee adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m., next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Recording secretary