

Finance Committee  
Reading of Town Meeting Warrant Articles  
Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Chairman Theresa M. Manganelli called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were John F. Doherty, Marianne Gallezzo, Michele Kincaid, Robert P. Palmer, Bernard P. Nally, Jonathan R. Eaton, and Leigh Martinson. Excused: Kevin Stokes

PRESENT IN INTEREST: Jeffery Hull, Town Manager, Mike Morris, Town Accountant

Mr. Hull reported an adjustment to the MWRA assessment will take place at Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Morris stated he will give the Committee an updated final number. He reported the early January assessment is still under consideration.

Mr. Morris stated this meeting was prompted by a revision to the budget line item for sergeants' salary (page 32 of the budget book). The police line item has \$306,545, budgeted for five (5) Sergeants. He explained that, due to an oversight, one (1) salary Sergeant position was not included in the budget number.

Mr. Morris reviewed page 11 of the personnel book. He lists the vacancy subtotal of \$306,545. One sergeant was not included, and 5 positions need to be funded. There is a need to add \$61,240 in the suggested number. He explains who will fill the retired position and that it is not likely to be a step 1 pay rate. Sergeant's line item will be brought to \$372,782.

Questions:

Mr. Doherty asked when the sergeant will be hired.

Mr. Morris –respond it depends on the contract settlement, however, it is estimated a Sergeant will be hired in the fall.

Mr. Hull gave an update on building related projects. He stated the roofing project is out to bid, with \$750,000 budgeted for two (2) roof projects. He explained that last year, there was a bid protest from a possible vendor, as a result the project was delayed. Mr. Hull stated a vendor decided to withdraw its bid due to the delay. He reported the Town issued a new Invitation for Bid for the second portion of the roof replacement for the North Intermediate School. Mr. Hull stated the lowest bid was \$514,000 for the Boutwell and the first phase at the North Intermediate School. He reported the second phase at North Intermediate School was \$126,500. Mr. Hull explained the proposed budget for these projects in FY 18 is \$355,000. He stated that it is recommended the Town budget \$175,000 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the roof at North Intermediate, which will be proposed at Town Meeting. Mr. Hull stated the net result is an increase of \$23,044 for MWRA, Sergeant salary and roof. He reported the increase will be changed in the budget.

Vote to authorize police Sergeant's salary inclusion in the budget. Mr. Doherty motion to accept article as written. Seconded by Mr. Palmer. No discussion. All in favor, passes.

Mr. Morris reported the Town have to transfer funds for snow and ice, estimated a little over \$300,000. He stated there is a surplus in fuel. Mr. Morris reported that Police overtime is approximately \$175,000 and will be fine-tuned.

Mr. Morris reported there is an overage on 3 sewer pump stations that required unanticipated repair. He stated this issue will be brought to the Finance Committee for their review at their meeting in June. He stated the request is expected to be approximately \$50,000.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Jonathan Eaton, and by the affirmative vote of all, it was.

VOTED: That the Finance Committee adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording secretary