

**.Finance Committee Meeting  
Thayer Memorial Library – Dexter Room  
March 27, 2017  
6:00 pm**

Present: Jay Riley (JR), Michelle Vasquez (MV), Sue Thompson (ST), Emily Kerrigan (EK), Cheryl Gariepy (CG) Town Finance Director

Absent: David DiTullio (DT)

- 1) JR Made a Motion to Call the Meeting to Order at 6:01 pm, ST 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vote 3 Yes, 0 No
- 2) JR Made a Motion to approve the minutes from 3/7/17 meeting, EE 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vote 3 Yes, 0 No. MV abstained (not present at 3/7/17 meeting). Approval of the 2/21/17 minutes were tabled to next meeting due to lack of quorum.
- 3) Recreation Committee
  - a) Current budget numbers are running at a deficit.
  - b) New Recreation Director, Chrsita Duprey, started in late September 2016. Is currently putting together a 3 year plan
  - c) Beach revenues increased to \$1400 for swimming lessons. Looking at possible addition of more lessons later in the day
  - d) Working on a grant to provide handicap accessibility at the beach
  - e) Still having issues finding space to run/administer programs
  - f) Updates on programs
    - i) Little girl softball has doubled
    - ii) Possible boat race, kids triathlon at the town beach
    - iii) ER suggested reaching out to the Lancaster Soccer league for summer/winter programs
    - iv) Camp Craft – will pay Town \$5,000 for use of space to run camp programs.
    - v) Citizens are concerned about no lighting for some facilities/fields
- 4) Conservation Commission/Forest Committee
  - a) Harvest completed at year end with net revenues of \$55,946
  - b) Phase 2 of harvest estimating revenue of \$72,000 with \$19,000 of upfront costs. Estimating 14-15 months of cost outlay before revenues are generated.
  - c) Would like to purchase the Diamond/Dolan property (22 acres). The state will reimburse 64% and the Town would need to cover the remaining 36%.
- 5) JR left at 7pm
- 6) FY18 Budget
  - a) Currently looking at a deficit. Two options: (1) use of free cash or (2) Town Override. Further discussion will be needed.

MV made a motion to Adjourn at 7:30 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> by ER, Vote 3 Yes, 0 No