

**.Finance Committee Meeting  
Thayer Memorial Library – Dexter Room  
Monday January 22, 2018  
6:00 pm**

Present: Jay Riley (JR), David DiTullio (DD), Michelle Vasquez (MV), Sue Thompson (ST), Emily Kerrigan (EK)

Not Present: Cheryl Gariepy (CG) Town Finance Director

- 1) JR Made a Motion to Call the Meeting to Order at 6:01 pm, MV 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vote 5 Yes, 0 No
- 2) ST Made a Motion to Approve the 12/18/17 Minutes – DD 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vote 3 Yes, 0 No. JR and EK were not present at 12/18/17 meeting and abstained from voting
- 3) ST – Other Business
  - a) Building problems due to winter storms
    - i) Library filed an insurance claim for damages
    - ii) Community Center did not file an insurance claim and Town will need to pay for repairs. Why did they not file a claim? Discussion that it may be due to other “non weather related” issues.
- 4) Department of Public Works Budget Review
  - a) Salaries increased due to contractual obligations
  - b) Uniforms increased \$50 per person
  - c) Requesting additional position for a heavy equipment operator at \$46,423.54 annual salary
  - d) Capital Request – new backhoe for Water Department to be paid by the Water Enterprise Fund
- 5) Nashoba School Committee Kathy Codianne and Pat Maroney
  - a) Had a budget workshop the prior weekend and tentatively looking at overall budget increase of 7.38%. The Lancaster budget assessment increase was at 10.36%. This is much higher than Finance Committee was hoping for. Further discussion revealed that the proposed budget included major capital expenditures which are listed as “repairs” including:
    - i) \$300k for a new leaching field
    - ii) \$90k for hot water heater for the high school
  - b) JR would like to know the increase in the # of teaching positions. This data was not available with the provided budget report.
- 6) Fire Department Budget Review
  - a) Overtime increased due to call backs and training
  - b) Requesting additional full time position at \$44,472 annual salary due to limited coverage by On Call Firefighters. Will look into possibly renegotiating the contract for this position to cover callbacks and training without overtime. Possible that this position would not be eligible.
  - c) Supplies increased based on prior year actual costs.
- 7) Police Department Budget Review
  - a) Most expenses are at “level funded”
  - b) Salaries increased due to contractual obligations
  - c) Capital Request – (1) new cruiser
- 8) Next Meetings
  - a) 1/29/18- Budget review with Library, Community Center and Recreation Committee

JR made a motion to Adjourn at 7:43 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> by DD, Vote 5 Yes, 0 No