

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
FINANCE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 26, 2014
TOWN HALL-UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
6:30 PM**

Committee Members Present: David J. Steindler, Chairman
Colin Smith, Vice Chairman
David Macy
John James
Jennifer Goewey

Others Present: Rene Wood, Board of Selectmen, Clerk
David A. Smith Jr., Board of Selectmen
Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Alicia Dulin, Assistant to Town Administrator

Members of the Public

Chairman Steindler called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes: Colin Smith moved to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2014 meeting, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried 4-0. Jennifer Goewey abstained.

Reserve Fund Transfer:

Administrator LaBombard submitted a Reserve Fund Transfer Request for Legal Services. The request in the amount of \$10,000 is to be used for an unforeseen shortfall due to heavy legal expenses this Fiscal Year. The Committee reviewed a list of all legal expenses through December 31, 2013. Discussion ensued. Chairman Steindler asked how much money has been spent on the Primax Properties appeal since the Special Town Meeting. Administrator LaBombard stated that \$1,890 has been spent on the appeal since the Special Town Meeting but that amount does not include the bills for January or February. Colin Smith moved to approve a Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$10,000 to the Legal Services budget, seconded by John James. The motion carried 4-1. David Macy did not approve the transfer due to the Special Town Meeting vote.

Administrator LaBombard explained that \$37,000 of overlay surplus has been released due to collection of back taxes. This has had a positive impact on the FY15 budget.

The following budgets were discussed and approved:

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Moderator's budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$223, seconded by Jennifer Goewey. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Town Clerk budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$46,649, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Elections and Registration budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$22,950, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

John James moved to recommend the approval of the Conservation Commission budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$4,680, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Planning Board budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$5,400, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

John James moved to recommend the approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$2035, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

John James moved to recommend the approval of the Buildings & Grounds budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$78,050, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Town Report and Communications budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$6,000, seconded by Jennifer Goewey. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Dispatch Services Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$9,137, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on March 5, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

David Macy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Steindler adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Alicia Dulin
Assistant to Town Administrator

Documents reviewed at this meeting:
Draft FY15 Budget