

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MARCH 12, 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  
Richard A. Boardman Jr., Fire Chief  
Eric R. Munson III, Police Chief  
Priscilla Cote, Board of Health  
Scott Smith, Board of Health  
Michael Ovitt, Treasurer/Collector  
Edward Lord, Highway Superintendent  
Karen Lindquist, Library Director

Members of the Public

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

The following budgets were discussed and approved:

Colin Smith entered the meeting at 6:35 pm

Fire Chief Richard A. Boardman Jr. was present to discuss the Fire Department budget. John James moved to recommend the approval of the Fire Department budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$40,375, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Fire Department Compensation Fund article for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$20,000, seconded by Jennifer Goewey. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Fire Truck Stabilization Fund article for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$75,000, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Eric R. Munson III was present to discuss the Police Department budget. Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of Police Department budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$443,318, seconded by Jennifer Goewey. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Police Cruiser with Lap Top article for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$43,000, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Edward Lord was present to discuss the Highway Department budget. Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Highway Department budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$549,212 with Administrator LaBombard moving money from the Asphalt/Bituminous line to the Road and Bridge Repair line to make it a minimum of \$20,000, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Guardrail Replacements article for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$25,000, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Health members Priscilla Cote and Scott Smith were present to discuss the Board of Health Budget. Discussion ensued regarding inspection fees and license fees. It was the consensus of the Committee that at some point all inspections should be taken out of the Board of Health budget. Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Board of Health budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$7,069, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator LaBombard explained that the Board of Selectmen still need to make a decision on whether they would like to use the Berkshire Health Alliance or the Visiting Nurse Association. John James moved to recommend the approval of the VNA budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$4,122, Seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

Library Director Karen Lindquist was present to discuss the Library Budget. Discussion ensued regarding the request for a full time Children's Program Coordinator. David Macy suggested re-working the Library budget numbers to reflect a part time Children's Program Coordinator and presenting it to the Committee at a future meeting.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Fire Hydrants budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$18,091, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Animal Control budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$9,000, seconded by Jennifer Goewey. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Commission on Disabilities budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$200, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

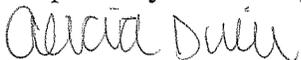
Discussion ensued regarding the Historical Commission budget. It was the consensus of the Committee to invite someone from the Historical Commission to the next Finance Committee meeting to explain what their budget would be used for.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on March 18, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

John James moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jennifer Goewey. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Steindler adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Alicia Dulin  
Assistant to Town Administrator

Documents reviewed at this meeting: Draft FY15 Budget, Letter from Library Director