

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MARCH 18, 2014  
TOWN HALL-UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
6:30 PM**

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

Members Absent: David Macy

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  
Karen Lindquist, Library Director  
Dennis Sears, Historical Commission  
Michael Ovitt, Treasurer/Collector

Members of the Public

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

Minutes: John James moved to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2014 and March 12, 2014 meetings, seconded by Jennifer Goewey. The motion carried unanimously.

The following budgets were discussed and approved:

Library Director Karen Lindquist was present to discuss the Library budget. Discussion ensued regarding hiring a part time employee as a Children's Program Coordinator. Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Library budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$170,341, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman of the Historical Commission Dennis Sears was present to discuss the Historical Commission budget. Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Historical Commission budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$1,000, seconded by Jennifer Goewey. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Board of Selectmen budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$195,828, seconded by Jennifer Goewey. The motion carried unanimously.

John James moved to recommend the approval of the Assessors budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$92,928, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator LaBombard explained the pending legal cases to the Committee. Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Legal Services budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$30,000, seconded by Jennifer Goewey. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer/Collector Michael Ovitt was present to discuss the Treasurer/Collector budget. Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Treasurer/Collector budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$154,415, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator LaBombard explained that the Board of Selectmen have recommended putting money in the Council on Aging budget for a full time Director at the request of the Council on Aging. She stated that the Board would then decide whether to hire a full time Director or another part time employee. Discussion ensued regarding when a decision will be made to staff the position with a full or part time employee. Administrator LaBombard stated that this decision should be made by the fall. Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Council on aging budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$70,429, seconded by Jennifer Goewey. The motion carried unanimously.

John James moved to recommend the approval of the Inspectional services budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$63,776, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Energy budget for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$142,700, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator LaBombard explained that she increased the allowance for overlay reserve by \$10,000 to cover the tax reduction from the Senior Work off Program that may be implemented.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on April 2, 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 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Alicia Dulin  
Assistant to Town Administrator

Documents reviewed at this meeting:  
Draft FY15 Budget