

Sutton Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2015

Committee Members present: J. Bannon; J. Quill; P. Morris; B. Edwards; D. Greenlaw; E. Budzinski

J. Smith, Town Administrator; T. Harrison, Town Accountant

- Meeting called to order 6:30 pm
- Mr. Smith gave an update on the budget advising some additional minor revisions would be required. Overall the budget is set only minor changes within.
- The Insurance Advisory Committee has recommended modifications to the Town medical coverage resulting in a reduction from the previous amount to a 6% increase over 2015. This has been agreed upon.
- Currently the budget variance is a positive \$43k
- Outstanding issues are the cost for the property casualty insurance for the new school. Previously this was covered under the construction umbrella. Estimate \$10-\$15k. This will come from the variance.
- Change for one student previously to attend Norfolk County Agricultural HS now will go to BVT; any savings will go to Sutton school.
- Unemployment budget @ \$60K will remain the same with review at the Fall Town meeting

M. Donohue, Attorney (Fletcher Tilton)

- Mr. Donohue spoke to Article 18, representing Sutton Outlook Ventures – citizen's petition for self-storage buildings.

D. Moroney, Chair Conservation Committee

- Mr. Moroney spoke to Article 14 advising the article is a clarification of the current by-law which now provides a better definition; there was no change to the intent of the by-law.

Town Meeting warrant F&W recommendations:

Article 1: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; as it is a customary article to accept the various reports from the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 2: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; as it is the annual authorization allowing the Cemetery Commissioners to employ themselves in the work of their department.

Article 3: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; as it is the annual authorization allowing the members of the Board of Health to employ themselves in the work of their department.

Article 4: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; as it is the annual authorization of the Sewer Department budget.

Article 5: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; as it is the annual authorization of the Transfer Station budget.

Article 6: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; as it is the annual authorization of the Fiscal 2016 budget. Although there is concern with respect to the adequacy of the school funding, the budget reflects the continued reduction in the reliance on the use of free cash and one-time revenues.

Article 7: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; as it is the Fiscal 2016 Capital Plan and an integral part of the Town's budget.

Article 8: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; this allows for the transfer from available funds to cover deficits that arose during the fiscal year, i.e.: snow / ice.

Article 9: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; this allows for the transfer from available funds to assist with the funding of a school department legal settlement.

Article 10: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; as it is the annual authorization of the Town's Section 53 E ½ revolving funds.

Article 11: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; this allows the Board of Selectmen authorization to enter into an agreement to provide the residents of Sutton alternatives for their electric provider.

Article 12: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; this authorizes the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with a provider for the purchase of net metering credits, resulting in savings for the school and Town.

Article 13: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; the committee has reviewed and concurs with the recommendations of the Sewer Commissioners.

Article 14: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; the committee concurs with the changes as recommended by the Conservation Commission.

Article 15: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; the committee concurs with the Board of Selectmen on the benefits to the Town with respect to the collection of back taxes, the usage of this property, the environmental clean-up and addition to our tax base.

Article 16: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; the committee concurs with the recommendation of the Planning Board.

Article 17: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; the committee concurs with the recommendation of the Planning Board.

Article 18: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 6-0 to recommend passage of this article; the committee concurs with the recommendation of the Planning Board.

- Motion made and second to adjourn at 7:30pm. Approved 6-0.

Patrick Morris

Clerk