

Town of Lunenburg

Finance Committee:
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Lunenburg Finance Committee
Minutes
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Location: Town Hall
Present: Brian Laffond, Martha McDonald, Barbara Reynolds, Mike Mackin, Mark Erickson
Absent: John Male, Marilyn Stokes
Also Present: Kerry Speidel

- 1) Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 7 PM.
- 2) Minutes – reviewed minutes from 9/9/10; BR made motion to approve as amended, MM seconded, all approved.
- 3) Committee Reports
 - Capital Planning – met 10/12; all capital requests received and starting to compile; many are returning requests from prior year; totals \$2.3M.
 - DPW – DPW Building Committee received 5 bids from architects for design phase; have selected 3 for interviews and will meet with HKA Associates of Groton first. Holman Street Bridge has been closed since last March and requires \$500K to repair; residents are requesting that repairs not be completed so the road is not used as a cut-through for trucks; other issues exist with road width and sight problems; more information will be needed from the Chiefs on any public safety concerns. Pleasantview Street residents have been outspoken about road deterioration, sewer problems and water problems; all three issues involve different boards and City of Leominster.
 - School Regionalization – 9/13 meeting; committee has found there would be no significant savings in a merger but could offer expanded services; cost sharing based on enrollment, not income; Lunenburg share estimated at 29.1%; some discussion about inviting members of regionalization board to speak to FinComm.
- 4) New Business
 - BOS has settled contracts for both Fire and Police Chief; HANDOUT: Contract for Police Chief, Contract for Fire Chief; request for transfer from Salary Reserve to settle Chief's contracts for fire for \$2,330 and police for \$2,987 (\$746 Quinn and \$2,241 salary); MM made motion to transfer funds, ME seconded, all approved.
- 5) Town Manager Updates
 - New meals tax of .75% started out slow with revenues of \$1700 in first 2 months, next three months averaged \$4900 per month; expect estimate of \$60K annually to be reached.
 - Two grants awarded to Lunenburg Police - \$9,450 for bullet-proof vests; \$1,000 for advanced training for Domestic Violence for 2 officers.
 - Cardboard recycling dumpster will no longer be available at DPW; use weekly recycling.
- 6) Town Manager Updates – HANDOUT: Revenues/Expenditures Year-to-Date; YTD Budget Report
- 7) Next Meetings – Special Town Meeting 11/30; Public Hearing for Special Town Meeting will be held before the 5 year Financial Review on 11/4 at 7 pm; no meeting 11/11; next meetings 10/28, 11/4, 11/18.
- 8) Adjournment – ME made motion to adjourn at 8:43 PM and MM seconded.

Approved 10/28/10
Brian P. Laffond

Minutes respectfully submitted by Martha McDonald