

TOWN OF GILL

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SELECTBOARD & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES May 5, 2016

Call to Order: The Selectboard and Finance Committee meetings were called to order at 6:04 PM.

Selectboard Members Present: John Ward, Greg Snedeker, Randy Crochier

Selectboard Members Absent: None

Finance Committee Members Present: Timmie Smith, Jacob Rau, Claire Chang, Nancy Griswold

Finance Committee Members Absent: Fred Chase, Ronnie LaChance, Tupper Brown

Others Present: None

Updated budgets were distributed for the Town Hall/Riverside Building Expenses (1.18) and Veterans Services/Benefits (4.3).

Randy made a motion, seconded by John, to accept all of the FY17 budget figures as presented. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

There was a discussion of COLA. Timmie noted that with a 0% COLA for FY17, COLA is being tied to Social Security's zero-increase for this year. This is ok, as long as the practice is adhered to in the future, even when Social Security provides large increases. Finance Committee members were not inclined to make a recommendation separate from the Selectboard on COLA.

Claire made a motion, seconded by Jacob, to adopt and recommend all budget line items that have not been previously voted by the Finance Committee. The vote was 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 absent. ("budget vote")

The Selectboard and Finance Committee reviewed "Draft 1" of the articles, motions, and explanations for the May 9th Annual Town Meeting. The Finance Committee took the following votes on the proposed motions:

Article 1 – not financial, no action

Article 2 – not financial, no action

Article 3 – not financial, no action

Article 4 – motion to recommend made by Claire, seconded by Jacob. Approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 absent.

Article 5 – motion to recommend made by Jacob, seconded by Claire. Approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 absent.

Article 6 – motion to recommend made by Nancy, seconded by Jacob. Approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 absent.

Article 7 – motion to recommend made by Claire, seconded by Jacob. Approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 absent.

Article 8 – motion to recommend made by Claire, seconded by Jacob. Approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 absent.

Article 9 – motion to recommend made by Jacob, seconded by Nancy. Approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 absent. It

was suggested that since this article deals with the Quintus Allen fund, it would be appropriate to have

Superintendent Michael Sullivan or Principal Conor Driscoll recognized to speak about this year's projects.

Article 10 – motion to recommend made by Claire, seconded by Jacob. Approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 absent.

Article 11 – included in "budget vote"

Article 12 – article is to be passed over, no action

Article 13 – included in "budget vote"

Article 14 – included in "budget vote"

Article 15 – included in "budget vote"

Article 16 – article is to be passed over, no action

Article 17 – included in "budget vote"

Article 18 – not financial, no action
Article 19 – article is to be passed over, no action
Article 20 – article is to be passed over, no action
Article 21 – included in “budget vote”
Article 22 – included in “budget vote”
Article 23 – included in “budget vote”
Article 24 – included in “budget vote”
Article 25 – included in “budget vote”
Article 26 – included in “budget vote”
Article 27 – included in “budget vote”

Adjournment: The Selectboard and Finance Committee meetings adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington.

Approved on 04/19/2017. Signed copy on file.

John Ward, Selectboard Clerk

Adopted by the Finance Committee in lieu of separate Finance Committee minutes on 04/19/2017.