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FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Swampscott, MA 01907

Called to Order: A meeting of the Swampscott Finance Committee was held at the Swampscott Town Hall, 22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott, Mass at 7:00P.M.

Attendance: Chairman, Linso van der Burg, Vice Chair, Marzie Galazka and Members, Tim Dorsey, Joan Hilario, William Jones, Cinder McNerney, Jill Sullivan, and Polly Mary Titcomb.

Also present was Resident Maryellen Fletcher.

Open Discussion / Town Budget.

- Member Cinder McNerney commented that the Library has a small revolving account and inquired if they get any grant money.
- Member Jill Sullivan put together an email with questions on the Budget to Thomas Younger, Town Administrator and Dave Castellarin, Town Accountant.
- Member Jill Sullivan suggested that at Town Meeting, Linso van der Burg, Chair should talk about the actual Town Levy.
- Free Cash amount was discussed.
- Member Cinder McNerney questioned the amount of free cash.
- Member Cinder McNerney suggested using some of the free cash when negotiating contracts to give to unions if they want certain items.
- Member Cinder McNerney questioned what the people in Town think the Town is spending the revenue on.
- Member Cinder McNerney asked for a 10 year or a 20 year forecast from Thomas Younger, Town Administrator.
- Rubbish Recyclables Collections is down –great news.
- DPW Overtime was budgeted higher.
- Member William Jones asked about the amount of money the Town gets from grants.
- Member William Jones stated that grant money does not reflect on the budget but feels the Finance Committee should know about the amount.
- Member William Jones asked who sets the Nahant Tuition rate.
- Member William Jones asked if the Town of Nahant helps when a new school is built in Swampscott.
- New position of the Facilities Director will be paid half from the Town and half from the schools.
- \$20, 000.00 has been added to the Recreation Budget to invest in new community events.
- The Police Department has been thinking about hiring another officer to help control overtime cost.
- Pension Contribution did go out the extra year per Member Jill Sullivan.
- Employee pay increase amounts are partially due to 53 weeks of pay.
- Resident Maryellen Fletcher asked for the Actuals.
- Local Receipts are conservative in the budget.
- Budget Book will be available next week.

- *Member Jill Sullivan explained to the Board new growth levy.*
- *The School Department is scheduled to attend the Finance Committee's meeting next week.*

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by member Tim Dorsey at 9:00P.M. seconded by member Polly Titcomb.

By Attest:

*Maureen Shultz,
Finance Secretary*