

FinCom 2022-01-31

Location: First Floor Meeting Room, Ayer Town Hall

Members Present:

Chair: Kurt Fraczkowski

Vice-Chair: ~~Sebastian Cordoba~~

Clerk: Andrew Sealey

Member: Jin Hong

Extra:

Town manager – Pontbriand

Fire chief - Johnston

Police chief - Gill

Finance manager - Tierney

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Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

Approve Dec. 14th minutes: unanimous approval

Public input:

Pauline:

Enterprise funds and how they are used. There are a limited number of available options for enterprise funds and we maintain several as a town. States that DPW requires hundreds of thousands of dollars from tax payers

Urges committee to meet with counterparts in adjacent towns.

(references email sent to committee)

Fincom responsible for creating a report to town meeting and taking the citizens best interests to heart.

Chair:

Thanks the citizens for continued oversight and input.

this meeting would like to be schedule a framework for this and future meetings

- Feb. 7th school board meeting
- Fire dept. budget, have chief or rep. make a presentation for the justification of budget
- police dpt. Budget, have chief or rep make a representation for justification of the budget

Sealey: Enterprise funds and line by line budgets are a desire to be covered for future meetings

Hong: no addition input

Chair:

- We will go through the budget line-by-line

Pauline: School, budgets (there are two districts) and please meet with DPW director to discuss his requested budget for further review

Chair:

- Schedule fire department for next meeting.
- When to schedule next meeting

Pontbriand:

- Tuesday feb 7th, fincom and select board group meeting fir ASRH
- Friday feb. 3rd we get budget for Nashoba tech. for several budget cycles no one has come to represent the board to a meeting, but no one has asked
- DPW has 3 enterprise funds – water, sewer, solid waste. Suggests we cover budget and funds
- Package funds with their departments since they have responsibility for them

Chair: Meetings to cover fire and enterprise funds, police, DPW and funds (water, sewer, waste), and full budget

Pontbriand:

- Fincom has taken a position on all town articles and will be voted on and presented to the public
- Fincom has historically been called to present or give input during the budget town meeting
- March 31st is the deadline for warrant articles
- April 4th is typically the select board and fincom meeting to vote on stance of articles (fincom must meet on or before this date to vote on budget)

Chair:

- Meeting every other week meetings to reflect what the select board is doing
- Tentative schedule of meetings to be moved to Wednesday
- Feb 15th @6pm is the tentative schedule, in person only, to invite fire
- March 1st @6pm is the tentative schedule for the following meeting, police chief
- Public can feel free to email the committee for questions they would like answered from specific departments or general budget

Police Chief:

- Asks for clarification of what we want in a presentation

Hong:

Asks chief about young police force for a comparison for budget with a comparison on the senior roster vs the young roster for our understanding on how the police department operates in general

Chair:

Look at march 15th @ 6pm for DPW presentation including 3 enterprise funds

Sealey:

Asks fire if he has questions for his presentation

Fire chief:

Suggests we look at budget submittals for reference prior to the meeting

Chair:

Committee will take review those as homework for following meetings

Asks for any more input from members – seeing none


Motion to adjourn 6:54

So moved - Sealey

2nd – Hong

Voted unanimous.

6:55pm Adjourned.



Andrew Sealer
Secretary