

YARMOUTH FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Yarmouth Town Hall, Room A
February 25, 2015

Present: Joseph Goldstein, Chair, Cathy Romboli, Vice Chair/Clerk, Nathan Ladley, Phillip Morris, Robert Ciavarra, Jack Moylan

Administration: William Hinchey, Town Administrator, Peter Johnson-Staub, Assistant Town Administrator

Guests: Lu Matrasscia, Chair, Capital Budget Committee, Sandra Blackman, Capital Budget Committee

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Goldstein, Chair, at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015 Yarmouth Finance Committee as written.

Motion by: Mr. Moylan

Seconded by: Mr. Ladley

Vote: 5-0-0

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Yarmouth Finance Committee will be held March 4, 2015. Articles 23-31: CPA/Land Bank will be discussed.

TRANSFERS:

There were no transfers at this meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

ARTICLE 10 – SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$509,000 to purchase and equip the following goods and services provided that said appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ Capital Exclusion under M.G.L. C. 59 P. 21C(1/2)

<u>Division/Department</u>	<u>Item/Project</u>	<u>Capital</u>
Facilities	Senior Center Tables and Chairs (R)	\$10,000
Information Technology	Citrix Remote Application Server (R)	\$30,000
Police	Police Department IT Upgrades (R)	\$25,000
Natural Resources	Waterways Dredging (M)	\$50,000
Natural Resources	Boat Ramp Repairs and Upgrades (M)	\$25,000
Parks and Recreation	SUV Explorer (R)	\$31,000
Police	Police Vehicles and Equipment (R)	\$77,000
Police	Automatic Vehicle Location System (N)	\$35,000
DY School	Exhaust Fans (R)	\$60,429
DY School	Tank Monitors (R)	\$25,439
DY Schools	Security Phase 3 (N)	\$67,188
<u>Tony Kent Ice Arena</u>	<u>Zamboni (R)</u>	<u>\$70,000</u>
Total		\$506,056”

YARMOUTH TOWN CLERK

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The total request is \$3,008,142; the amount funded by the levy is \$1,500,500; Free Cash not Funded is \$874,142; the amount in Capital Backlog proposed by in this Article is \$506,056. The Committee discussed the use of the Debt Drop-off for future Capital needs.

MOTION: To recommend Article 10 in the amount of \$506,056.

Motion by: Mr. Moylan

Seconded by: Mr. Ladley

Vote: 6-0-0

ARTICLE 9: (Revisited):

Article 9 voted on at the February 18th, 2015 meeting has been modified. Mr. Johnson-Staub noted that \$77,000 in Police Vehicles has been moved from the Levy to Capital; the request of \$75,000 for Waterways Dredging Permitting has been requested from the levy. These changes alter the Amount Requested for Routine Capital from the levy from \$1,502,500 recommended on 2/18/15 by the Yarmouth Finance Committee to \$1,500,500 as presented in the Routine Capital Improvements-General Fund-Revised: February 23, 2015.

MOTION: To amend Article 9, as previously presented and voted upon, to reflect the amount in the levy column of the 2/23/15 worksheet.

Motion by: Mrs. Romboli

Seconded by: Mr. Ladley

The motion was withdrawn by Mrs. Romboli and Mr. Ladley.

MOTION: That we rescind the action taken at the last meeting on Article 9 as applies to Routine Capital including \$1,502,500 from the levy, \$1,155,688 in Highway-Roadway Improvements, \$30,000 in Cemetery Perpetuity Funds, and \$355,000 in Fire Department Expenditures totaling \$3,043,188.

Motion by: Mr. Moylan

Seconded by: Mrs. Romboli

Vote: 6-0-0

MOTION: To recommend Routine Capital Improvements-Revised February 23, 2015 including \$1,500,500 from the levy, \$1,155,688 in Highway-Roadway Improvements, \$30,000 in Cemetery and Perpetuity Funds, and \$355,000 in Fire Department Expenditures.

Motion by: Mr. Moylan

Seconded by: Mr. Morris

Vote: 6-0-0

KAREN GREENE, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION:

ARTICLE 17: "To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$320,750 to fund the Tourism Revenue Preservation Fund as authorized by Chapter 338 of the Acts of 2006 and to fund such appropriation transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 and to raise the sum of \$270,750."

Selectmen recommend 4-0

EXPLANATION: "The purpose of this fund is to enable the Town to invest in programs and projects that strengthen the Town as an attractive center for tourism. Funding is overseen by the Community and Economic Development Committee and used to stimulate our local tourism economy through funding for Special Events, Marketing and Physical Improvements. These efforts support local businesses and benefit local residents by growing commercial property and excise tax receipts.

The amount of the appropriation represents the sum of three components:

\$ 50,000	Is base amount provided in the special act which created this fund.
\$218,750	Represents 25% of estimated Motel Tax receipts in excess of \$1,585,000 For FY16.
<u>\$ 52,000</u>	Represents 10% of the estimated Meals Tax receipts for FY16.
\$320,750	Is the total of these three amounts

It should be noted that the first two amounts are required by special act adopted by Town meeting. The third amount continues a practice established when Town meeting first voted to authorize the local adoption meals tax and motel tax. We urge voters to support this Article."

MOTION: To recommend Article 17.

Motion by: Mr. Moylan

Seconded by: Mr. Morris

Vote: 6-0-0

An Economic Development Planner is a new position. She is working on survey material. There was a discussion of implementing wifi at the beaches.

ARTICLE 32: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM:

Karen said her department has requested to pull this Article from the Warrant. It is offered through the State, where by a tax incentive would be offered to a business owner on the increment of new improvement to their property. The State would also offer an incentive. A negotiating committee is needed at this point in time to evaluate the properties. The State is interested in job development in conjunction with application for this program.

ARTICLE 41: WHITE'S PATH LAND DISPOSITION:

No action required on this Article. It will be used in licensing instead of sale and does not require a Town meeting vote.

ARTICLE 22: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special Home Rule legislation as follows:

""Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Yarmouth may impose a room occupancy tax, in addition to any such occupancy tax currently allowed by law, on any action or leisure accommodation including, but not limited to apartments, single or multi-family housing, cottages, condominiums and time share units, as well as any other vacation or leisure accommodations not expressly taxed pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 64G, at the rate of 6% of the total amount of the rate for each such occupancy. Vacation or leisure accommodations is further defined to include only paid occupancy for a period of ninety consecutive days or less, regardless of whether such use and possession is as a lessee, tenant, guest or licensee, but excludes those accommodations specifically exempted from the General Laws, Chapter 64G, in Section 2 of that chapter.""

and to state that the legislature may vary the form of the enactment in order to properly achieve its objectives, or take any other action relative thereto."

(Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

Hotel/Motel tax is currently in place. The Town's share of that is 6%. The tax is 10.7% to the hotels and motel customers. This Article looks to broaden the hotel and motel tax to include homeowners who rent their property for less than a 90 day period of time. It would generate more revenue to the Town and level the playing field of hotels and motels. Mr. Hinchey said that he would ask this Committee to vote on this Article in anticipation of the Board of Selectmen's recommendation.

MOTION: To recommend Article 22.

Motion by: Mrs. Romboli

Seconded by: Mr. Morris

Vote: 4-2-0

ARTICLE 20 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS: (WITHDRAWN)

The Finance Committee had voted to recommend Article 20, but the Board of Selectmen did not support it, and it has been withdrawn.

ARTICLES 42, 43, 44, AND 45-PETITIONS

There was a discussion by the Committee of the Petition Articles tentatively scheduled to be voted on by the Finance Committee on April 1, Petition Articles 42, 43, 44, and 45. The Committee will be deciding whether to recommend, not recommend or defer these Articles.

Mr. Ladley suggested that we invite Chief Frederickson to speak on these Articles. After some discussion, a "straw vote" was taken to decide which of the above Articles the Committee would like a presentation on. The vote on having a presentation was as follows:

Article 42 – Petition – Sex Offender	Vote: 4-2-0
Article 43 – Petition – Gun Discharge	Vote: 3-2-1
Article 44 – Petition – Motorcycle Rides	Vote: 0-6-0
Article 45 – Petition – Motorcycle Noise	Vote: 0-6-0

ADJOURN:

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Motion by: Mr. Moylan

Seconded by: Mrs. Romboli

Vote: 6-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Grace E. Buckler
Recording Secretary
Yarmouth Finance Committee