

Town of Northbridge
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2016 at 6:00PM

Finance Committee Attendees:

Finance Committee Members in Attendance: Plato Adams, Jim Barron, Chris Thompson, Steve Gogolinski, Chris Pilla and Lisa Ferguson.

Finance Committee Member not in Attendance: None

Town of Northbridge Administration and Other Attendees:

Ted Kozak, Town Manager - Town of Northbridge

Walter Warchol, Chief of Police – Town of Northbridge

Gary Nestor, Fire Chief – Town of Northbridge

Melissa Walker, Business Manager, Town of Northbridge Public Schools.

Michael Lebrasseur - Chairperson - Town of Northbridge School Committee

R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner

Jeanne Gniadek - Administrator - Board of Health

Brian Massey, Chairman - Planning Board

Jamie Luchini, Assistant Director - DPW - Town of Northbridge

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The meeting was called to order by the chairman; Plato Adams at 6:00PM.

Prior Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 17, 2016 was made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Lisa Ferguson and unanimously approved.

Fall Annual Town Meeting Schedule

A discussion ensued concerning the 11 warrant articles as follows:

Article 1 - Payment of Prior Year Bills

There are currently no prior year bills to pay.

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Article Two - Proposed Appropriations Under the Omnibus Budget Article - Additional Findings - Budget Transfers

The following transfers are being proposed:

General Government:

Town Manager	\$10,000
Planning Board	\$35,000
Total General Government	\$45,000

Public Safety:

Police	\$ 16,000
Ambulance	\$ 22,000
Total Public Safety	\$ 38,000

Education

School Department	\$175,000
Total Education Department	\$175,000

Human Services

Board of Health	\$ 6,500
Total Human Services	\$ 6,500

Non-Departmental

Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 10,000
Total Non Departmental	\$ 10,000

Total Article 2	\$274,500
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The Police Department is requesting the funds for the Cross Match Live Scan Fingerprint and Palm Print System as well as Tasers. Grant Moneys in the amount of \$26,000 are also being raised for this equipment.

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The Fire / Ambulance Department is proposing new cardiac monitors as well as 5 new defibrillators and to restore funds for the Lucas Cardiac pumping machine.

The School Department is proposing the following expenditures:

Ride on Machine for the HS and Middle School	\$ 30,000
Maintenance Work Van	\$ 15,000
Baseball Field Repairs	\$ 5,000
Two Special Education Vans	\$ 43,000
Additional Chapter 70 Funds	\$ 81,970
Total for the Education Department	\$174,970

The Board of Health is requesting the funds to establish two safe, secure needle depositories for Northbridge residents. Locations will include the Northbridge Town Hall Board of Health Office & Northbridge Senior Center. The estimated cost is roughly \$6,500.

Article Three - Proposed \$100,000 increase to the Stabilization Fund

Article Four - Proposed that the Old Youth Center Land in Rockdale to be conveyed / turned over to the Town

Article Five - Proposed purchase of a Dump Truck for the DPW in the amount of roughly \$80,000. A quote in the amount of \$63,832 was available for review.

Article Six - For the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy.

Article Seven - Proposed Purchase of a 2017 Fire Department Pumper Truck - Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion under Proposition 2 1/2. A quote in the amount of \$550,000 for the new Fire Pumper was available for review

Article Eight - Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials - Proposal to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to finance the restoration and repair of the Rockdale World War I Memorial at the Rockdale Common - Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion under Proposition 2 1/2.

Article Nine - Planning Board - Proposal to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of hiring a consultant to assist the - Planning Board in the preparation of a Master Plan for the Town of Northbridge.

Article Ten - Planning Board - Proposal to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 173 of the Code of Northbridge, Section 173-12 [Table of Use

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Regulations], to allow "Miscellaneous business offices and services" by right in the Heritage (H) zoning district, and to designate "Office for administrative, executive, professional, sales and other similar uses" as a use allowed by-right (P) within the Heritage (H) zoning district, whereas such use is currently allowed only by special permit.

Article Eleven - Planning Board - To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, the remaining portion of Shining Rock Drive, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town.

Future Finance Committee Meetings

The next Finance Committee Meetings will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 6:30PM .

A Finance Committee Public Hearing will also be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 6:30PM. The meeting will be used to discuss all articles contained in the Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Adjournment

Since no further business was to be transacted, a motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM was made by Lisa Ferguson, seconded by Chris Thompson and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'James P. Barron', is written over a circular stamp or seal.

James P. Barron
Clerk

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