

Amherst Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Approved 4/30/2018
Thursday, March 29, 2018, 9:00 am
First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

ATTENDANCE: Joseph Jayne, Janice Ratner (Vice Chair), Anurag Sharma, Bernie Kubiak, Marylou Theilman (Chair), Sharon Povinelli. Absent: Tim Neale

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sonia Aldrich, Co-Finance Director; Guilford Mooring, Director of Public Works

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

AGENDA AND DISCUSSION:

1. Continued discussion and recommendations for Warrant Articles and finalize Positions for Town Meeting.

Director of Public works discussed:

Transportation Fund, Water Fund and Sewer Fund borrowing requests for parking lot in front of Town Hall (\$450,000), new water line (6-8" old line replaced with 12" line) down Northampton Road (\$2,000,000) and gravity belt thickener replacement (\$1,000,000).

Abandon water line at Kingman Road. There is an easement to go under the railroad. We are not going to use the easement and property owner requests to ask us to abandon easement for home improvement.

Accepting a piece of property (Harlow Street) for no cost.

A mix of permanent and temporary easements: West Bay Road for sidewalk project. Sidewalk takings from Eric Carle Museum, Hampshire College and Applewood. Belchertown Road, South East Street and Stanley Street for the side walk improvement. Fixing a Main Street sidewalk misplacement. An East Pleasant, Village Park Apartment and UMASS "taking" to improve the bus shelters and sidewalks. East Hadley Road, West Street to South Point to widen sidewalks.

All above items were voted: 6-0-1 absent.

The following items were voted:

Regional School Assessment method for 1 year.

Voted: 6-0-1 absent

The Debt service Regional assessment revised. The lower number was re-voted: \$2,187,844

Voted: 5-0-2 absent

CPA General CPA Projects: \$ 955,645

Voted: 5-0-2

CPA Epstein Property acquisition: \$113,000
Voted 5-0-2 absent

CPA rescission of Bond Authorization (housekeeping)
Voted: 5-0-2 absent

Capital cash capital portion (all borrowing imbedded in debt service) this is just for tax supported portion. Equipment: \$ 876,925
5-0-2 absent

Capital Program Buildings and facilities: \$2,007,864
5-0-2 absent

2. News affecting the Budget. None.
3. Select Board Policy on Unused Municipal Property will be discussed next meeting.
4. Committee Liaison Meeting. None.
5. Minutes of previous meeting. None
6. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of Meeting
7. Next Meeting:
April 5, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 am.

Sharon Povinelli, acting clerk