

Thursday, February 1, 2018 @ 7 pm

First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

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ATTENDANCE: Joseph Jayne, Bernie Kubiak, Tim Neale, Sharon Povinelli, Janice Ratner (Vice Chair), Anurag Sharma. Staff: Sonia Aldrich, Co-Finance Director. Absent: Marylou Theilman (Chair)

OTHERS: Guilford Mooring (DPW), Amy Rusiecki (Assistant Director, DPW), Clare McGinnis (Finance)

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Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

### **Transportation Enterprise Fund (page 166)**

McGinnis started out by saying that this Fund was a success story: November 2017, replaced meters in the parking lots. New meters are well-received and the phone App is popular.

Level funded between recommended 18 and 19 Town Manager budget. Expenses up 2 percent; indirect costs, assessments from other places on Cherry Sheet, are down.

Last year balanced the fund using fund surplus; not necessary this year. Increases are in salary, health care, and retirement costs.

Page 169 is summary of revenues. Awaiting rate changes – increased pricing center of downtown. \$1 per hour in core downtown and 50 cents per hour on the periphery. Permit parking is low at \$25 per year. Not clear why, except that those are in outside periphery. Capital to reconstruct Main Street lot and to paint stairway structures in Boltwood garage.

Long discussion about parking rates and fines.

### **Solid Waste Enterprise Fund (page 152)**

Cell tower generating revenues. Pursuing solar facility on landfill. Dog facility and bird sanctuary being planned for old landfill. Additional cell tower on the landfill.

### **Sewer Enterprise Fund (page 136)**

No big changes. Same staffing levels. Adjusted how 1 electrician paid, now general fund pays the half. Sludge disposal is a big issue. Plant is 38 years old. Permit requirements changing and major upgrades on the way. Also, 15 cent rate increase.

## **Water Enterprise Fund (page 124)**

No big changes, systemwide resilience study; well 4 and baby carriage treatment plant upgraded. Have submitted renewal water permit and tiered rates likely.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Not much changed, except the cost of personnel. Overall 1.2 percent increase in the budget. Biggest focus on highway side is roadside maintenance. Using 100 percent salt, as it cleans off snow and ice faster. Pretreat the roads and then use salt. In addition, routine maintenance and upgrading is ongoing. Paving about 2 miles of road maybe up to 4 miles. Contractor coming in to crack seal. More cross-walk replacement projects also planned.

Capital appropriation. Mill street bridge replacement, through a state grant (\$2 million). Rest of capital is equipment.

Highway capital appropriation (about \$3 million) include bond payments. Backlog for road repair is about \$16 million. Sidewalk small repair is operating monies, bigger amounts come out of Chapter 90 fund. Traffic line painting is done inhouse. The \$20,000 is for the paint.

## **New Affecting the Budget**

None

## **Liaison Reports**

JCPC heard from DPW and LSSE, working through those. Hoping that Chapter 90 money will be the same as last year.

DPW & Fire committee, another one in 2 weeks.

Minutes January 27, 2018. Do these minutes next meeting.

No meeting February 22.

Adjourned 8:34 pm

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Anurag Sharma  
Acting Clerk