

Town of Groton
RTM Finance Committee
Special Meeting 6/8/11

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31PM.

2. Roll Call

The following Representatives were present: Joseph Baril, Luanne DeMatto, Keith Hedrick and Kristen Powers.

Also present: Town Manager, Finance Director and Public Works Director.

The following Representatives were absent: Warren Cooper, Patrice Granatosky, Tim Plungis and Jack Sebastian

3. Unfinished Business

None.

4. New Business

2011-0090 FYE 2011 Fourth Quarter Transfers

Representative Baril made a Motion:

“RESOLVED, that \$186,545 be transferred from the General Fund Contingency function (#1074) to the following General Fund departments/functions:

Voter Registration (#10031) @ \$24,000: for costs associated with a June 21, 2011 primary election for Judge of Probate.

Public Works (#10356) @ \$162,545: for costs associated with the number of winter storms.”

The motion was seconded by Representative DeMatto.

Discussion:

The Finance Director provided background on the process to transfer funds. The Process started in March 2011. \$112,455 will remain in contingency after this transfer is approved. At the end of the year it will return to the General Fund balance.

Representative DeMatto asked where the excess money from the departments go at the end of the year. The Finance Director said they return to the General Fund Balance. It is estimated \$375,000 in excess funds will return to the General Fund balance at the end of the year.

A vote was taken on the motion:

Yeas: Representatives Baril, DeMatto, Hedrick and Powers.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion Passes: 4-0-0

2011-0096 Reauthorization of Water Pollution Control Facility Additions and Improvements.

Representative DeMatto made a Motion:

“RESOLVED, that \$325,000 is reappropriated from the Capital Reserve fund balance for the Water Pollution Control Facility Additions and Improvements Project as an FYE 2011 Capital Reserve project for costs associated with the completion of this project.”

The motion was seconded by Representative Baril.

Discussion:

The Public Works Director discussed the improvements. The funds are allocated for a period of five years. The funds expire June 30, 2011 but we will have invoices in July/August 2011. We were on track to spend the money in 2010 but the storms of March/April 2010 caused problems (specifically the release of plastic media to the Long Island Sound). The manufacture of new screens is in progress with installation to follow. The job will complete about \$50,000 less than originally estimated.

A vote was taken on the motion:

Yeas: Representatives Baril, DeMatto, Hedrick and Powers.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion Passes: 4-0-0

2011-0120 Review of Non-Union Positions

The Representative Hedrick received the following referral:

Representative Ambroise would like a comprehensive review of all non-union positions and associated wages, benefits and pensions. He would like a list compiled of these positions. Representative Ambroise feels that non-union employees must set the example for those covered by collective bargaining by taking wage cuts and paying a greater share of benefit costs.

Discussion:

Representative DeMatto stated the information is available in our budget packets but is mixed with union employee information. The Town Manager said he can create a list given the parameters. Representative Hedrick will provide Mark with the requested information from Representative Ambroise.

Representative Baril asked why this referral came to the Finance Committee. Representative Hedrick said it was because salary information is requested.

5. Consideration of Committee Referral Items as per Referral List.

None.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Keith Hedrick
Chairman, Finance Committee