

***Town Council Budget/Management Committee
April 23, 2013 at 6:45 PM
Town Council Chambers***

Present: Chairman Kenneth DiFazio
Councilor Arthur Mathews
Councilor Michael Smart

Absent: Councilor Patrick O'Connor
Councilor Michael Molisse

Also Present: Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
William McKinney, Chief Financial Officer
Jeff Bina, Director of Public Works
Dave Tower, Business Manager, DPW
Captain Joseph Comperchio, WPD

Recording Secretary: Diane T. Hachey

Chairman DiFazio called the Budget/Management Committee Meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to take measure number 13 057 out of order, seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

13 057-Appointment to the Conservation Commission-Anthony Merlino

Mr. Merlino was present and stated that he is a 49 year resident, with a construction background and would like to serve on the Conservation Commission. Councilor DiFazio acknowledged his association with Mr. Merlino and added that he is a past Rotary President.

Councilor Mathews asked if due to his past experience in the construction business if Mr. Merlino foresees any conflict of interest in serving on the commission, to which Mr. Merlino answered that he has been out of the business for quite some time and doesn't foresee a conflict of interest.

Councilor Mathews motioned for favorable action on measure number 13 057, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

13 054-Department of Public Works Line Item Transfer

Mr. Bina and Mr. Tower presented in request of transferring \$75,000 from unexpended salaries to overtime, in order to fund costs incurred for spring cleanup. \$15,000 represents overtime in salaries, and \$60,000 represents funding necessary for repairs and materials for park refurbishment.

Councilor Mathews motioned for favorable action on measure number 13 054, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

13 055-Special Purpose Stabilization Fund-Department of Public Works Vehicles

Mr. Bina and Mr. Tower request \$510,000 from the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for capital projects to purchase equipment and vehicles for the DPW (namely a dump truck, street sweeper and sidewalk plow). The sidewalk plow wasn't included on the original host community agreement list, but the need has arisen since development of the list. It was further noted that prices for this equipment have also increased since the list was developed in 2005. Comparison to the Host Community Agreement list and the measure before the committee resulted in the allocation of funding as \$160,000 for the dump truck, \$220,000 for the street sweeper and \$130,000 for a catch basin truck. Mr. Bina agreed to include the catch basin truck versus the sidewalk plow to comply with the original Host Community Agreement Listing

13 056-Police Department Line Item Transfer-Vehicles

Captain Comperchio requests reallocation of salary funding to purchase cruisers for the department. He is requesting an amendment to the measure of the original amount of \$210,000 to \$175,000 as projections were short for salaries. This money would purchase 5 (five) Chevy Tahoes. He noted that the Chief is diligently putting additional policeman on the streets- namely 6 (six) in the past few months and 3 (three) additional in the nearby future; and with the recent replacement vehicle for an accident, the department will now have 6 (six) new vehicles.

Councilor Mathews motioned for favorable action on measure number 13 056, as amended, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

13 058-Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals-Edward Foley

Councilor Mathews motioned for favorable action on measure number 13 058, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

13 059-Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals-Charles Golden

Councilor Mathews motioned for favorable action on measure number 13 059, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

13 060-Reappointment to the Veterans Council-Robert Haley

Councilor Mathews motioned for favorable action on measure number 13 060, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

13 061-Reappointment to the Historical Commission-Rodney Lundin

Councilor Mathews motioned for favorable action on measure number 13 061, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

13 062-Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals-Robin Moroz

Councilor Mathews motioned for favorable action on measure number 13 062, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

13 063- Reappointment to the Board of Elder Services-Diane Oliverio

Councilor Mathews motioned for favorable action on measure number 13 063, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

13 064-Reappointment to the Board of Elder Services-Laureen Pizzi

Councilor Mathews motioned for favorable action on measure number 13 064, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

13 065-Reappointment to the Board of Assessors-John Sheehan

Councilor Mathews motioned for favorable action on measure number 13 065, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

13 066-Reappointment to the Board of Assessors-Kevin Spellman

Councilor Mathews motioned for favorable action on measure number 13 066, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

13 067-Reappointment to the Construction Steering Committee-Gilbert Starkey

Councilor Mathews motioned for favorable action on measure number 13 067, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

Town Council Host Community Agreement List

Chairman DiFazio stated that Councilor Mathews completed a review of the Host Community Agreement list, prepared in 2005 by Town Council, and updated it inclusive of expenditures against revenues earmarked.

Councilor Mathews explained that he determined expenditures with history from the 5200 accounts, with the help of Diane Hachey and Barbara Campbell. Calculations included

expenses made prior to the establishment of the special purpose stabilization fund, in addition to expenditures from the SPSF. This will become a working document, moving forward to track all expenditures. He noted that Mr. McKinney and Mr. Swanson reviewed the document and concurred with the findings.

Examples were cited as follows:

“Economic Development”

“Columbian Square Restoration”-\$2M was earmarked in 2005 and to date \$206,784 has been expended, which leaves \$1,793,216 remaining to be expended.

“Design of Middle/Washington Intersection”-\$15,000 was earmarked for expenditure, but as this was a state funded project, this funding can be allocated elsewhere on the Host Community Agreement list.

“Parks”-\$3.5M allocated and \$916,126 expended, leaving \$2,583,873 for future expenditure.

“Legion Field Restoration”-\$2M allocated, \$737,710 expended to date, with \$1,262,289 remaining. Councilor Mathews noted that \$355,000 was spent on Legion renovations, prior to establishment of the SPSF, under prior administration.

“Great Pond Water Treatment Plant Study”-\$100,000 allocated but not expended ,as the plant is completed and operational; funding can be allocated elsewhere on the HCA list.

Chairman DiFazio requested that Mr. Swanson investigate the 3 (three) BAN payments on the Chapman boiler, in conjunction with Mr. Slattery, and report back his findings to the Budget/Management Committee.

Totals on the spreadsheet are \$13M (total) allocations, of which \$4,960,940 were expended, leaving \$8,040,061 to be expended under the Host Community Agreement.

It was requested that Mr. Swanson update this report on a quarterly basis, as measures are approved, and include such in his quarterly updates to the Town Council.

With no further business to attend to, Councilor Mathews motioned to adjourn at 8:17 PM- motion seconded by Councilor Molisse and voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by: Diane T. Hachey

Approved by: Chairman Kenneth DiFazio