

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
SEPTEMBER 20, 2004

Present: Kenneth DiFazio – Chairperson, Sue Kay, Colin McPherson
Michael Molisse, Paul Leary

Also Present: Jane Hackett, Brad Hayes, and James Wilson

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

Chairperson DiFazio called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

04 175 – Appropriate \$3,155.76 from Waterways Fund

This request for appropriation is made by Officer Paul Milone, Harbormaster. He appeared before the sub-committee to explain. His boat was out of service recently because the 2 propellers were damaged. He had made the decision to purchase 2 propellers at that time in order to get the boat back in service. The damaged propellers have also been repaired.

The money has already been spent from another line item in the Police Department Budget. This request is to replenish that account with an appropriation of \$3,155.76 from the Waterways Fund. This fund is restricted to usage directly related to waterways. There is approximately \$72,300.00 currently in the fund. Mooring fees and boat excise taxes are put in the Waterways Fund. Officer Milone noted that it is important to have spares to avoid taking the boat out of service.

Sue Kaye MOTIONED to recommend favorable action on Measure #04 175 to the full council. Michael Molisse seconded. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

04 176 – Appointment to Community Events Committee – Sharon Morgan

On behalf of Mayor Madden, Jane Hackett presented the name of Sharon Morgan as an appointment to the Community Events Committee. This appointment would increase the size of the committee from 8 to 9. The Mayor has indicated that he is considering establishing this committee by ordinance.

Paul Leary spoke in favor of the appointment. He noted that the appointment would recognize Ms. Morgan's past efforts.

Colin McPherson MOTIONED to recommend favorable action on measure #04 176 to the full council. Michael Molisse seconded the motion. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

04 178 - Appropriate \$1M for Arthur Bilodeau Water Treatment Plan improvements.

James Wilson spoke to the sub-committee regarding Phase 4 improvements at the Arthur Bilodeau Water Treatment Plant on Water Street. The overall cost is approximately \$1.6M. Only \$1M needs to be bonded because there is \$376,000 available from the settlement with Microsonics which was located across the street from the plant, and there is \$228,000 available from 01 0244.

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Brad Hayes stated that these improvements represent a major overhaul of the treatment plant.

1. Equipment will be replaced.
2. Structural damage repaired.
3. Gas chlorination system will be converted back to CL2 gas.
4. HVAC will be repaired.
5. The loading dock improved.
6. The roof will be replaced.
7. Another exit created.
8. Skylights installed.

The design portion has been completed and approved by DEP. The total cost for all 4 phases is approximately \$3M. This is not an upgrade. It is the result of deferred maintenance. Some of the repairs will result in more energy efficiency. Jane Hackett noted that the funding is being asked for now to be able to begin construction during the off-peak time. The Great Pond Plant is capable of handling water demands while these repairs are taking place. There will be a public hearing tonight at the Town Council Meeting.

Colin McPherson MOTIONED to recommend favorable action on measure #04 178 to the full council. Michael Molisse seconded. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Other Business

Colin McPherson requested that Marsha Silver submit an actuarial report for the Council's review prior to the next budget season. Specifically, he would like to review costs associated with retirement benefits. Sue Kaye agreed with this request.

Jane Hackett informed the sub-committee that the free case numbers have been certified by the state. She expects that the town will receive approximately \$600,000 from the FY04 supplemental budget funds to cities and towns. She also informed them that the town will find out in early November what the reimbursement will be from the state for the High School project.

James Wilson stated that the tax classification still needs DOR approval for values. This is expected in late October.

Colin McPherson noted that capital items are currently being reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7pm a MOTION was made to adjourn, was seconded, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approved by: _____
Kenneth DiFazio, Chairperson