

**Provincetown Finance Committee Minutes**  
**March 20, 2013, 12:30 p.m.**  
**Judge Welsh Room, Provincetown Town Hall**

**Members Present:** Tom Donegan, Mike Canizales, Doug Cliggott (remote), Catherine Russo, Gordon Siegel, Duane Steele and Clarence Walker

**Excused Absent:** Tim Grobleski

**Others Present:** Town Manager Sharon Lynn, Finance Director Dan Hoort

Meeting called to order at 12:42 a.m.

Chair Donegan disclosed that he had filed papers to run for Selectman. Committee agreed that Chair should continue as Chair of the Committee.

**Annual Town Meeting articles 11-7 & 11-8**

Presented by Mike Trovato and Jimmy Roderick

Committee asked how Hummer relates to the CIP request for an All Terrain Vehicle. The Hummer is scheduled for refurbishment in FY 2015. It does not float. The All Terrain Vehicle is needed during anything, but low tide.

**Special Town Meeting article 12**

Water department has agreed to use the surplus animal control vehicle

Committee voted 6-0-0 to recommend by unanimous consent.

**Mike Canizales moved to have the Finance Committee reconsider its vote on ATM article 11-12 (DPW fleet replacement). 2<sup>nd</sup> by Catherine Russo. Motion passed 6-0-0**

Canizales felt the request should be reduced by \$65,000.

**Motion made to recommend article 11-12 in the original amount of \$279,555.**

**Vote on motion was 3-3-0 (CR, MC, DS). Original motion to recommend stands.**

**Mike Canizales moved to recommend article 11-12 in the amount of \$209,555. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Catherine Russo.**

The Committee discussed the logic of waiting a year to purchase some of the vehicles. Donegan pointed out the Committee is not eliminating any vehicles, only delaying their purchase.

The Committee did not vote on the motion, but decided to continue the discussion to the next meeting.

**Mike Canizales moved to have the Finance Committee reconsider its vote on ATM article 11-2 (Police fleet replacement).**

The police chief mentioned it was disturbing for the Committee to reconsider after the departments had been before the Committee on numerous occasions.

Canizales stated he felt everyone needed to give when a problem like the pier arises.

Town Manager Lynn stated we can't continue delay the maintenance and replacement of vehicles.

Walker stated that FinCom members are not here to be friends of the people on the street. They need to strive to make objective decisions. The Committee is an advisor to the Town.

The Committee did not vote on Mr. Canizales's motion.

**2013 STM Article 14 – Excavator for Water Department**

Committee voted 4-0-2 to recommend by unanimous consent.

**2013 ATM Article 11-8 – Fire & Rescue Command Vehicle (\$55,000)**

Committee voted 6-0-0 to recommend by unanimous consent.

**2013 ATM Article 11-7 – Fire & Rescue ATV (\$35,000)**

**Mike Canizales moved to recommend article 11-7. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Catherine Russo.**

Motion was approved by a vote of 4-2-0

**2013 ATM Article 4 – Enterprise Funds**

Committee voted 6-0-0 to recommend by unanimous consent.

**2013 ATM Article 3 – Cape Cod Regional Tech**

Committee voted 6-0-0 to recommend by unanimous consent.

**2013 ATM Article 2, Division 1 – General Government Operating Budget**

Committee voted 6-0-0 to NOT recommend in the amount of \$1,179,224 by unanimous consent.

**2013 ATM Article 2, Division 1 – General Government Operating Budget**

Committee voted 5-0-1 (CR) to recommend in the amount of \$1,159,224 by unanimous consent.

**2013 ATM Article 2, Division 4 – Public Works Operating Budget**

Committee voted 6-0-0 to NOT recommend in the amount of \$3,063,116 by unanimous consent.

Committee is recommending the Buildings and Grounds overtime budget be reduced by \$6,000.

The Committee discussed ATM article 30.

Canizales offered to answer any questions on the origination of article 30. No questions were asked.

The Committee discussed whether the article meant the square footage of the building or the lot.

Question was asked as to whether the Committee wanted to weigh in on article 30. Walker, Steele and Russo are in support, Cliggot and Donegan are not sure. Donegan thinks the Committee should recommend with caution, Walker does not think the Committee needs to temper the recommendation.

The Committee discussed if \$3,000,000 is an appropriate amount.

**Mike Canizales moved to recommend ATM article 30. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clarence Walker.**

Motion was approved by a vote of 4-1-0 (DC)

The Committee was handed a draft of the Finance Committee book to review and provide comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Meeting Documents:

- Minutes of March 3 & 5
- Update on warrant articles
- Draft of FinCom Book for town meeting