

**TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE, MA.
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018 AT 5PM**

- 1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5 PM.**
- 2. FINANCE COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: JAY BIKOFSKY, JIM BALFANZ, NEIL HOLDEN, DIANE REUSS, JIM MCMENAMY AND STEVE SHATZ.**

OTHER ATTENDEES: DON CHABON

- 3. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2018 WERE APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE, 6-0.**
- 4. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS COMMITTEE MEETING WAS TO PREPARE FOR THE "BABY TOWN" MEETING ON MONDAY MAY 14, 2018.**

THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED AGENDA WAS DISCUSSED:

- WELCOMING REMARKS AND COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS**
 - REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FY 2017**
 - REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED ARTICLES AND WARRANTS**
 - OTHER BUSINESS: UPDATE ON THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT, UPDATE ON THE SOLAR ARRAY PROJECT AND UPDATE ON THE RECENT STANDARD AND POOR'S RATING**
- 5. THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE MOST RECENT PROPOSED ARTICLES AND WARRANTS. THESE INCLUDED A DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED ARTICLE 4: GENERAL GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, EDUCATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES, HUMAN SERVICES, CULTURE AND RECREATION, DEBT SERVICE, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND TOWN INSURANCE. COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.**

AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE DISCUSSION SEVERAL MATTERS WERE HIGHLIGHTED:

- THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MADE A MOTION THAT THE SELECT BOARD DIRECT AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WHICH WAS APPROVED 6-0.**
- THE COMMITTEE WAS ADVISED THAT, BASED UPON THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE COST OF AMBULANCE SERVICES, DETAILED INFORMATION WAS REQUESTED FROM THE LENOX/LEE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION, THE MATTER WOULD BE FULLY STUDIED.**

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- **THE COMMITTEE REQUESTED MORE INFORMATION ON THE DEMOLITION BID COSTS FOR THE EXISTING TOWN GARAGE AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.**
 - **WITH RESPECT TO THE LIBRARY, THE COMMITTEE WAS ADVISED THAT A NEW LIBRARY PRESIDENT WOULD SOON BE IN OFFICE AND ONCE INSTALLED THE SELECTBOARD WOULD PURSUE THE THOUGHT OF TOWN APPOINTED LIBRARY BOARD REPRESENTATIVES.**
- 6. THE COMMITTEE REQUESTED A CURRENT LISTING OF THE CPC PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS.**
 - 7. THE COMMITTEE WAS REMINDED OF THE UPCOMING "BABY TOWN" MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018 AT 6:30 PM.**
 - 8. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6PM.**