Meeting Posting

Notice of Public Meeting – (As required by G.L. c. 30 A. c. §18-25)

DEPT./BOARD: Ways and Means Subcommittee Meeting
DATE: Tuesday, April 23, 2019
Time 8:00 AM
PLACE: 2nd Floor Executive Meeting Room

AGENDA

- Fund Revolving accounts
- Small Cell Peer Review
- Fund the A&P Compensation Plan
- Fund the Part-Time Compensation Plan
- Fund the BMEA Contract
- 4th of July Parade
- Economic Development Director
- Assessing Contract
- Other Financial Articles
Meeting opened at 8:00 AM in the Town Hall 2nd floor Executive Conference Room
Town Hall I Subcommittee members present: Frank Monaco, THI Chairman David Tait
Town Officials present: John Danizio Town Accountant, Jim Doherty Town Assessor, Whitney Haskell Budget Analyst, Paul Sagarino Town Administrator

The meeting was devoted to May 13, 2019 Warrant Articles

Article 19 Approval of Assessing Contract
Only a single final bid was received from the current vendor. A competitor Tyler Technology did not bid primarily because they cannot be cost competitive. The bid is for a 9 year contract level funded at $44,000 annually with Patriot our current contractor. As was planned we have taken the field data collection in-house and hence we will be purchasing only the software system services. This reduction in service will save us about $22,500 annually. Although we did not expressly require Patriot software there is considerable benefit to us and cost savings to any bidder since vendor software conversion would be involved. The last contract was also for 9 years. Although the reevaluation state regulations have changed to longer cycles this 9 year contract will still cover the next two major revals in 2021 and 2025.
Vote 2-0-0

Article 21 Economic Development Director
The detailed backup was just completed. The subcommittee felt we needed to study this and circulate it to the full committee before the subcommittee could hold a hearing. We postponed the hearing to a later date.

Article 6 Revolving Account Grandview
Town Meeting is required to approve revolving account spending limits annually. There is no change from previous $90,000 limit. Discussion confirmed that utilization of the facility is very popular and increasing. We agreed that we should keep rates for non-resident applicants sufficient to maintain a break-even cost structure as much as possible and that we should rollover annually all unexpended funds to build a longer term maintenance fund.
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Article 22 Fund the Administrative & Professional Compensation Plan
The negotiations are not complete so this was postponed.

Article 23 Fund Part-Time Compensation Plan
The negotiations are not complete so this was postponed.

Article 28 Fund the Burlington Municipal Employees' Association Contract
The negotiations are not complete so this was postponed.

Article 31 Small Cell Peer Review $35,000
The courts have ruled in favor of FCC rules which take away from the local authority nearly all control over size and location of installations. When an application is filed the local authority has 10 days for its initial response which is the most important tool the town has left. In order to comply in this timeframe with as much detail as possible the Selectmen have requested funding to retain an engineer skilled in this technology.
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Meeting adjourned at 9:02AM

Frank Monaco