



Town of Holland, MA – Finance Board

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2017

Call To Order

The Chairman called to order a meeting of the Holland Finance Board at 7:00 P.M. on February 25, 2017 at the Holland Town Hall.

Roll Call

Finance Board members present were: Ernie Fancy, Don Laing, and Joe Yiznitsky. Not present was John Ebersold and Mike Brady. Also in attendance from the Board of Selectman, was Chair Elias Gillen and Member Bettina Schmidt.

New Business

Review the proposed FY 2018 Board of Selectmen Budget line by line:

The budget was reviewed. Important to note the budget will now include the entire VADAR expense rather than having it dispersed among each separate department.

Review of FY 2018 Budget Requests:

- A proposed 3% wage increase for town employees
- Board of Health is requesting a clerk for 4 hours/ week at \$14/ hour.
- Building Inspector is requesting a clerk for 10 hours/ week at \$12/ hour \$6,240.
- Fire Chief is requesting a new “Car 1” to replace the existing 2006 Jeep with 70K miles.

- Council on Aging would like to acquire a new handicap accessible transport van. Cost to obtain approximately 65K. Considerations include insurance, driver compensation, maintenance, licensing, and logistics.
- Lake Oversight Committee is requesting \$85,000 for a “Dredging Feasibility Study”.
- Highway Department may be requesting \$85,000 for Brimfield Road Engineering.
- Police Chief may be requesting a new cruiser.

Review Snow and Ice Expenditures:

There was an expense of \$15,000 written in Snow and Ice which was actually for Asphalt. There was also 19,000 written in Snow and Ice for the purchase of a new snow plow to replace the damaged one. It has been brought to the attention of the Finance Board that the DOR has seen these expenditures and deemed them unacceptable for the Snow and Ice Account. They have informed us to be more prudent of what expenses are placed in this account.

Police Special Detail Expense:

The Finance Board brought to the attention of the Board of Selectmen an expense to the Town which is being generated when the Police Department performs special detail. It was established and agreed that systems must be established to ensure collection of outstanding invoices.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 8, 2017 meeting were approved.

The minutes of the February 11, 2017 meeting were approved.

Open Issues

The Town of Holland Finance Board Annual Report was reviewed and revised.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on Saturday, February 18.

Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M.