



Town of Griswold

Board of Finance
Special Meeting
March 28, 2017
7:00 PM

Griswold Senior Center
APPROVED MINUTES



1. Roll Call/Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Board of Finance Members Present:

Scott Davis – Chairman
Brian Baker – Vice Chairman
Peter Dorff
Gary Levy
Daniel Webster
Gail Rooke-Norman
John Wolkowski

Also Present:

Erik Christensen, Director of Finance
Jeannette Bell, Recording Secretary
Mario Tristany Jr., Town Planner
Peter Zvingilas, Building Official
Ryan Aubin, Director of Family and Youth Services and Parks and Recreation
Evelyn Spagnolo, Assessor
Valerie Pudvah, Town Clerk
9 Other People

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action on FY17-18 budget.

6101 – Planning and Community Development – M. Tristany outlined the department budget. **5629-State of CT-MS4 Program** increased by \$2,500 due to additional DEEP mandates which includes a more involved version to take effect April of this year. M. Tristany would like to see this moved to the Public Works department budget with the Planning department continuing to file the paperwork. Questions were asked if someone from the Public Works department could collect the samples and bring to the lab instead of paying a third party to do it. M. Tristany said there are 7 collection sites and time is of the essence to get them to the lab in a timely matter. M. Tristany also added there are currently several projects in the works which would bring some much needed revenue to the town.

3301 – Building Official – D. Webster recused himself at 7:12PM. P. Zvingilas outlined the department budget. P. Zvingilas stated the proposed budget for this year is pretty much the same as last year. D. Webster returned at 7:15PM.

5301 – Parks and Recreation – R. Aubin outlined the department budget. He stated the only increase were for contractual pay increases. He noted there are 15 Part-Time employees which are paid from funding for the programs within the department. He also noted Griswold was voted #4 most fun Town in Connecticut.

5302 – Youth and Family Services – R. Aubin outlined the department budget. He stated the increase in this budget was contractual increases per the union contract and also a minimum wage increase. **5203-Education and Training** reduced by \$400 and reallocated to **5203** in the fund for all supplies. He noted there are 6 Part-Time staff members. He also stated they have doubled and tripled the amount of kids in the program due to coordinating efforts with the school.

1303 – Assessor – E. Spagnolo outlined the department budget. **5202D-Assessor-Meeting** line item remained the same in order for E. Spagnolo to become certified in October. She added the revaluation has just been finished and she was pleased with the results. She noted there were 80 appeals to which some adjustments would possibly be made. She stated it is a bare bones budget with nowhere else to cut. E. Spagnolo did offer to not work on Fridays to save money.

1501 – Town Clerk – V. Pudvah outlined the department budget. **5101-Elected Officials-Town Clerk.** The Selectmen had reduced all elected officials to a 1% pay increase. V. Pudvah stated she did not understand how that was arrived at when union members are getting 50 cents plus a 2.5% increase. She also noted some people are getting 5%, 6% or even 8% raises. **5202-Meetings and Dues** decreased \$700 due to attending fewer meetings.

4103 – Contributions – 5602 – Slater Library - J. Wolkowski recused himself at 7:42PM. R. Jusseume outlined the Slater Library line item. The Library had requested an additional \$3,000 for a total of \$88,000 to which the Selectmen had reduced back to \$85,000. She stated in the past they were fortunate not to have to pay for electricity or internet however now they are now having to pay for both. She stated they have 10 Part-Time employees. They were still waiting to hear from Lisbon as to their contribution to which they received \$20,000 last year. The Board of Finance asked the percentage of patrons from each town. 76% were from Griswold, 15% from Lisbon and 9% from elsewhere. J. Wolkowski returned at 8:05PM. E. Christensen stated other than **5622 - Legion Baseball** which decreased to \$10 all other contributions remained the same.

8501 – Capital – J. Barnie outlined the Capital Budget. The Capital committee had started deliberations with \$2,333,050 in requests but reduced the requests to \$1,433,000 to present to the Board of Selectmen. The \$1,433,000 is a 53% increase from last year's budget. There are two bridges which need replacing for a cost of \$308,000. 31% of all roads need total reclamation and 13% of roads need rehabilitation. Two boilers at the Middle School as well as oil tank replacements at GHS and GMS need replacing as well.

4. Adjournment

MOTION: G. Levy made a **motion** that was seconded by D. Webster to adjourn the meeting at 8:39PM. All in favor; **motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannette Bell
Recording Secretary