

## ADVISORY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2015

A meeting of the Advisory & Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Moody at 7:00PM and was conducted in the Mayflower II Meeting Room at the Plymouth Town Hall, 11 Lincoln Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts.

#### PRESENT

#### **Thirteen members of the committee were present:**

Belinda Brewster, Kevin Canty, Betty Cavacco, Harry Helm, Ethan Kusmin, Mike Lincoln, Marcus McGraw, Patricia McPherson, Christopher Merrill, John Moody, Patrick O'Brien, Harry Salerno, Marc Sirrico

#### ABSENT

#### **Two members of the committee were absent**

Richard Gladdys, Shelagh Joyce

#### AGENDA ITEMS

##### Town Meeting Review

The following topics were discussed:

- Simes House – reopening of article at Town Meeting, further vetting
- Union Negotiations – bothersome how settle at last minute
- Entergy Closing – Impact of closing on budget, federal government needs to step up

##### Budget & Spring Town Meeting Schedule

The budget cycle was discussed. The Selectmen will vote on their recommended budget in early January. That budget is then given to Advisory & Finance. Sub-committees will meet with Departments to review their budgets through February 5<sup>th</sup>. Sub-committee reports are due February 12<sup>th</sup>. The Budget Hearing will be February 24<sup>th</sup>. Sub-Committee Chairs were reminded not to read their reports at the Hearing but rather present a short, concise summary of a few key points. Advisory & Finance will hear all Annual and Special Town Meeting Articles at their meetings from January 13<sup>th</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Books will go to print on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Town Meeting is April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

##### Old/New/Other Business

- Revenue Ideas Taskforce made their final presentation to the Board of Selectmen last week. The Taskforce presented a list of all of the non-profit organizations in town and the land that they own. Many towns in the state ask the non-profit organizations which do not pay property taxes, to voluntarily offer services, gifts or payments to the Town.
- Advisory & Finance Rules Sub-Committee will be meeting right after this meeting to look at the possibility of returning to bylaws and standing rules instead of the current standing rules only format. They expect to meet 3 or 4 times and present a preliminary report at the December meeting and final report in January.

##### Meeting Minutes

- October 15, 2015: **Marcus McGraw made a motion to approve the 10/15/15 minutes. Betty Cavacco, second. The motion carries unanimously (7-0-6) with Chairman John Moody voting in favor. Patrick O'Brien, Harry Helm, Mike Lincoln, Kevin Canty, Chris Merrill, Belinda Brewster, abstained.**
- October 17, 2015: **Harry Salerno made a motion to approve the 10/17/15 minutes as amended. Chris Merrill, second. The motion carries unanimously (9-0-4). Mike Lincoln, Belinda Brewster, Harry Helm, Patrick O'Brien, abstained.**

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Patrick O'Brien made a motion to adjourn. Kevin Canty, second.**

**The motion for adjournment carries unanimously (12-0-0).**

The meeting adjourned at 7:48PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kere Gillette