

**ADVISORY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2016**

A meeting of the Advisory & Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. 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 **10 members of the committee were present:**
Kevin Canty, Harry Helm, Shelagh Joyce, Mike Lincoln, Marcus McGraw, Christopher Merrill, John Moody, Harry Salerno, Marc Sirrico, Scott Stephenson

ABSENT **5 members of the committee were absent:**
Betty Cavacco, Robert Cote, Ethan Kusmin, Patricia McPherson, Patrick O'Brien

Agenda Items

- Annual Town Meeting Article 7
The Advisory & Finance Committee voted on the FY2017 budget at their March 2, 2016 meeting. Since then a few changes have arisen.

ATM 7A: FY2017 General Fund Operating Budget

The School Committee met Monday night and voted to reduce their budget by \$155,660. Debt is also decreasing by \$62,792 due to an error during budget entry.

Kevin Canty made a motion to amend the recommended FY2017 General Fund Operating Budget from \$197,740,657 to \$197,522,205. Harry Helm, second. The motion carries unanimously (8-0-1). Harry Salerno, abstained.

ATM 7B: FY2017 Water Enterprise Budget

Debt is decreasing by \$19,493.

Harry Salerno made a motion to amend the recommended FY2017 Water Enterprise Budget from \$3,529,243 to \$3,509,750. Christopher Merrill, second. The motion carries unanimously (9-0-0).

ATM 7C: FY2017 Sewer Enterprise Budget

Debt is decreasing by \$1,026,928.

Harry Salerno made a motion to amend the recommended FY2017 Sewer Enterprise Budget from \$5,526,327 to \$4,499,399. Malcolm McGraw, second. The motion carries unanimously (9-0-0).

ATM 7D: Solid Waste Enterprise Budget & ATM 7E: Airport Enterprise Budget

These remain the same as voted on March 2, 2016.

ATM 7A-E: Entire FY2017 Budget

Kevin Canty made a motion to recommend the entire FY2017 budget as amended of \$210,345,124 to Town Meeting. Christopher Merrill, second. The motion carries unanimously (9-0-0).

- Caucus Coverage
The updated caucus coverage schedule was shared. The first caucus is this Saturday, March 19th. Then they are almost every night for the following two weeks.

Meeting Minutes

- March 3, 2016: **Harry Salerno made a motion to approve the 3/3/2016 meeting minutes as amended. Harry Helm, second. The motion carries unanimously (8-0-1). Christopher Merrill, abstained.**
- March 9, 2016: **Shelagh Joyce made a motion to approve the 3/9/2016 meeting minutes. Kevin Canty, second. The motion carries unanimously (6-0-3). Christopher Merrill, Harry Salerno, and Scott Stephenson, abstained.**

Old/New/Other Business

- Chairman John Moody thanked the committee for their attendance and diligence through all of the meetings. In looking at the voting chart in the book, Town Meeting Members can have confidence about our recommendations.
- We hope to send some members of the Advisory & Finance Committee to the fall meeting of the Association of Town Finance Committees. It typically is on the same Saturday as Town Meeting. When details are made available, they will be shared with the Committee.
- The next meeting is Saturday, April 2nd at 7:30AM at Plymouth North High School which will be followed by Town Meeting at 8AM.

Public Comment

Steve Striar commented that residents should be attending meetings, commenting, and participating. Committees like these are acting on behalf of the townspeople and the townspeople should be more aware of what is going on in town.

ADJOURNMENT

Marcus McGraw made a motion to adjourn. Harry Helm, second. The motion for adjournment carries unanimously (9-0-0).
The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kere Gillette