

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES - SPECIAL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018 6:15 PM
TOWN HALL – JUDGE WELSH ROOM

Chair Cheryl Andrews convened the open meeting at 6:15 pm noting the following:

Board of Selectmen attending: Chair Cheryl Andrews, Members Robert Anthony, Tom Donegan and Louise Venden

Excused: Vice Chair Erik Yingling

Others in attendance: Town Manager David B. Panagore, Finance Director Josee Young and Board Secretary Elizabeth Paine.

Recorder: Elizabeth Paine

FINCOM: Chair Mark Hatch

1. Joint Meeting: Finance Committee – Reconciliation of FY2019 – Votes May Occur

Finance Director Young updated the Finance Committee on the CIP amendments what have occurred since the CIP was approved.

Selectman Donegan moved that the Board of Selectmen approve as amended the FY2019 CIP, in the amount of \$4, 463, 347 and refer the plan to the Finance Committee.

Selectman Venden

Vote

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MH – one of my concerns is in the Airport Commission, I said no, because of the additional expense of paying for an officer of 70K. It doesn't seem to be fair to me that we are asking for the entire town to pay for this. Because this a regional airport and is catering to a specific group that is flying into Provincetown. I would like to see another funding source.

- We are under 10K passengers and we will not be getting Federal Funding.

LV – I don't know that we can neglect this right now and ask Cape Air to take the hit. I don't think we can afford to lose our airport.

TD – my understanding it, if someone drives their car here, they park here and get charged. If you fly here, you do not pay to park. At Barnstable Airport, they make money selling fuel, at this airport, Cape Air controls the fuel. I think for this particular budget, this is a big budget.

MH – my reason to bring it up, is to highlight it. There is a 70K hole now, so I would like to put some pressure on this, to see if there is another way to address this issue.

RA – I agree with everything that has been talked about today, when Butch came before us, he talked to us about the TSA being there, that is a negotiation between the Town and the Police, that the police are getting a half the pay when the provide police negotiations.

CA – are there are any other costs to the Provincetown tax payers from the airport.

MH – there is a case to be made that the Tourism Fund should offset the additional cost because the majority of visitors are utilizing the airport.

DP – my experience is a lot of the people using the airport are second homeowner. I am going to sit with Dan Wolf and ask him what is his plan to get the numbers back up. I can see about getting the numbers from him of

how many are charged the full rate and how many are not.

TD – we should look at the docking fee for private flyers who are coming here. We charge parking for everyone else, and it is a vehicle of sort. We are asking the tax payer to pick up the tab.

LV – what we have asked Town Manager do is go back and look at un appropriated funds that has been accumulating.

.... I don't see why it is being questioned, on a one year things, it is 70K that would offset the cost.

MH – at some point we need to ask ourselves, do we fund the pre-k program, or fund the auditorium seats.

DP – is it the source of funds, or is it the payment that is bothering you? Are we committed to figuring out a source of fund? I do think this will be the end of the airport if we do not do this. Time is short to come up a solution. If we continue to give the cost of burden on the passenger because we will drive down the numbers.

MH – I want to highlight this, to find future funding source. For this year, I am suggesting the source of fund to come from other source from tax payers.

CA – this year I am not willing to take it out of the tourism fund, I hear your message about taking it off the back of the tax payers dollars and it is worth continuing this conversation.

LV – I think there will be a larger conversation about other revenues. I don't think we can afford to lose this airport.

TD – we need to address the regional use and benefit from this. A study was done and they produce an economic benefit, but it is all the way to Orleans.

- When we rent out the auditorium, perhaps we should charge for the chair separately and this fee would go into the revolving account and use this money to fund the new chairs.

TD – in the proposed charter, they are requiring us hiring a HR person. This is an added cost to the taxpayer.

LV – I think we have paid in the past for removing something.

MH – I think it over prescriptive. We already have a law firm who has an HR expertise.

CA – we need to highlight the things that have the biggest changes that have budgetary implications.

TD – if the analysis come back saying there is a budgetary implication, we need to have something in the warrant.

MH – we are all alarmed that we are going to be doing an operating budget in any manner and perhaps before it goes to the floor that financially, especially with the school, my fear is if it gets turned down at the ballot box, it will taint this thing.

LV – then it is up to us to go through and figure out where we want to seat.

MH – for me, it is all about priorities.

DP – we were looking in the operating budget, and we could not find it in the operating budget. The only thing I would mention is we still have in the levy about 89K. if the board wants to look there.

TD – what about taking the servers out of the budget and put them in the CIP.

DP – maybe the board should take the votes as what it sees it wants to endorse with the pre-k, you might not have a 300k bill.

MH – I am looking for a solution.

LV – the school committee has not met yet. There is a difference of opinion of the three articles.

Chair Andrews moved to adjourn 7:41 pm

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm

Minutes transcribed by: Elizabeth Paine