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Board of Finance

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1. Call Meeting to Order – The Regular Meeting of the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance was called to order on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Ralph Zovich in the Mayor’s Conference Room. Members in attendance: Pat Budnick, Vicky Carey, Peter Cook, Mike Drozdick, Dan Murray and Ralph Zovich. Also present: Dave Bertnagel, Director of Finance; Robin Gudeczauskas, Recording Secretary; DiAnna Schenkel, Council Liaison.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Review and Discuss Proposed General Fund Budget for FY 2012-2013 – Review of Revenue estimates; sales tax revenue will be a new line item; discussion held. Next year ECS increases per the Governor’s proposed budget by \$100,000. Conveyance tax not budgeted last year because the Governor recommended eliminating program; legislature restored program as part of revenue sharing process and money will be received in 2012 and 2013 then gone. Manufacturing grant this year and next. Adult Education, putting \$1000 into proposed budget. Boat refunds is gone. Federal grants, Hancock, are being cut by approximately 10%. Property tax loss on North Street dam is minimal yet pump station is still taxed. Discussion held on perpetual fund line item for the North Street dam which is now in our care. DiAnna Schenkel stated there was an inspection on dam before purchase and water company engineers will train our staff for free on how to maintain and there is talk of a small commission with people with skills for maintenance such as Jerry Milne who has volunteered to be a part of this commission. Storm water control is also something that needs to be talked about. Currently short \$383,000 in revenues. Discussion held on proposed bonding package and effects on budget. Dave Bertnagel stated the Mayor will give a 3 year outlook of the budget next week. Gerry Bourbonniere, noted the BOE has been proactive and with a sewer backup he told Mike Santogatta to get quotes; and noted there are other maintenance issues they are working on. Ralph asked to discuss these maintenance issues at the joint meeting. Dave noted statute, overview given, and that the BOF has authority to transfer up to ½ percent of BOE budget into “sinking fund” for emergency repairs not in normal budget from remaining monies in the BOE budget. The BOE would recommend they have repairs and the BOF would approve. Board members would like a copy of the statute. Dave received budget request from the Plymouth library, distributed; Pat, Dave and Chief Krasicky are meeting Tuesday to review the budget. Tax collection breakdown dated 2/29/12 reviewed and approx \$1.3 million short of making budget.

4. Public Comment

a. Gerry Bourbonniere, 6 Fairmont Ave., is there any way in a public hearing when debating 9.8 million or even last night with trash that right hand and left hand come together so that all information is in front of the public. Dave gave synopsis of meeting and presentations. Gerry stated a member of the public got up and twisted numbers. Gerry stated he asked specific questions and no one was prepared for some questions. Discussion held. Vicky noted there use to be a public works committee in 2006, never used and now an ad hoc committee reviewing regulations and will present findings to town council.

2. DiAnna Schenkel, liaison, reviewed public hearings this week, first on \$9.8 million and then curbside pickup. Discussion held. Question on ballot as questions will be sent to referendum as well as energy savings vote at 6 pm. Bond counsel will be at next meeting. Discussion held on ballot question.

5. Board Member Comments

a. Chairman Zovich noted if the Town Council approves resolutions on Tuesday we may need an agenda item for Thursday.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn by Vicky Carey; second Pat Budnick and the vote unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Gudeczauskas
Recording Secretary