

Town of Plymouth

Board of Finance

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1. Call Meeting to Order: Jim Kilduff, Chairman called the scheduled March 1, 2018, Board of Finance Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Assembly Room at Plymouth Town Hall. Members in attendance: Victoria Carey-Vice Chairman, James Zalot, Jay Dorso-excused absence, Pattie DeHuff, and Briana Brumaghim. Also present: Mayor David Merchant, and Ann Marie Rheault - Director of Finance

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Kilduff, Chairman led the group and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Notice of Fire Exits: Jim Kilduff, Chairman, noted the fire exits.

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor David Merchant provided a brief overview of the budget.

James Kilduff stated Board of Education's budget is based on money being restored from the State of Connecticut.

Ann Marie Rheault stated one issued with Board of Education minimum budget, if change ECS money, you can make a dollar for dollar change in BOE budget, enrollment projections that will go into determination, the governor proposes that is not binding on the ECS we cannot take all that money back. We have to find out the minimum budget requirement based on what the legislature does.

Ann Marie Rheault stated the 10.55 M is what we budgeted for. ECS did not go back and change the 8.5 M difference, which is 2 M, excess cost, did get stabilization grant, will not get again, changes in LoCip reduced by \$65,000, pilot Pequot, lost reimbursement homeowner's exemptions \$113,000, partial reimbursement for Veterans exemptions, various other line items that will come down and will not receive from the State.

Ann Marie Rheault stated for ECS 8.471-receiving in 2018 approved budget, governor proposed is 8.623 for 2019 that what we put in the budget - presently and the approved number in the State budget of 9.786 logic is start at lower number 8.623 and hope it increases since we do not want to start budget setting up for failure.

James Kilduff stated Public Works count is lean is that a workable number for next year.

Vicky Carey stated there still is a spending freeze in the town hall.

Vicky Carey stated some towns in order to save money they send out their Police Chief and Assistant Police Chief on patrol.

James Zalot stated the main thing to consider is their job descriptions, contracts, and briefly elaborated.

Pattie DeHuff questioned is the \$75,000 devoted to the new computer system in the budget.

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Ann Marie Rheault stated should dedicate a separate line item for that.

James Kilduff stated how many companies would have to come in.

Ann Marie Rheault stated this needs to be a specialized municipal finance product that will work the best.

Pattie DeHuff questioned re. Capitals on Public Works why are they replacing recycling bins, will follow-up with Public Works.

5. Municipal Fraud Risk Assessment updates

Pattie DeHuff stated still need to think about municipal Fraud Risk Assessment since that leaves the town vulnerable during the time from start/transition to finish of new computer system.

6. Public Comment

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville –freeze pensions, reduce town hall hours, extra duty police should be under revenue, and one comptroller for both sides.

James Mozelak, 18 Carriage Drive, Terryville - when will 2016 audit be done, unassigned fund balance, and questioned number of foreclosed properties sold.

7. Board Member's Comments

Pattie DeHuff – None

James Zalot - None

Vicky Carey - None

Jay Dorso – Excused Absence

Briana Brumaghim –Happy Birthday Pattie!

8. Adjournment

There being no further business of the Board of Finance, a motion was made by Pattie DeHuff, seconded by Vicky Carey to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Our next meeting is currently scheduled for March 5, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Yokubinas

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Recording Secretary