

TOWN OF DURHAM

BOARD OF FINANCE

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FEBRUARY 13, 2007

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

The Board of Finance met at the Durham Town Hall on Tuesday, February 13, 2007. Loraine Coe called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Members Present: Loraine Coe, Elmer Clark, Rosemarie Naples, Jay Berardino, Rob DeSimone

Others Present: William Witecki, Harry Hall, Joe Hall, Ann Page, Alan French, Sherri Forline Hill, Karen Keane, George Eames, Geoff Colgrove, Charles Corley (*Town Times*)

BUDGET HEARINGS

4035	Fire Marshall	Budget Request	\$ 22,290
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William Witecki presented the Budget Request from the Fire Marshall's office. He requested an increase of 24.4%. This increase was due to a 2% increase in wages and money for a new position to train someone to help, the new position has been approved by the Board of Selectman and the Board of Finance still has to authorize it. There has been no date set for the retirement of the Fire Marshall as of this date.

4020	Fire Company	Budget Request	\$ 74,710
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Harry Hall and Alan French submitted the budget request for the Fire Company. There is a new line item Firefighter Recruitment and Retention which the fire department are requesting \$20,000 for an incentive program to get new members. The fire company is going to move forward whether or not they are supported by the town or not. The Fire Company will be putting up approximately \$75,000 of its own money. This money was made by fund raisers, such as parking for the Durham Fair. Rosemarie stated that we never see this money. The fire company stated that the report is available for anyone to see. Elmer stated that it takes more than \$50,000 to run the Fire Department but it was brought to everyone's attention that the Trustees maintain the building.

In addition to \$74,710 for the operating budget, the Fire Company requested \$150,000 for the Fire Equipment Reserve Account to maintain the current truck replacement plan.

4045	Fire Pond Fund	Budget Request	\$ 5,000
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The Fire Pond Fund has been reduced by \$1,000. There was a \$25,000 Capital request for a water tank. It has been mentioned that new developments require water tanks placed on the property for a certain number of homes, this is to be paid for by the developers.

4025	Fire Company Trustees	Budget Request	\$ 29,020
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Ann Page submitted a budget request of \$31,320, an increase over last year's budget of \$3,300. The increase was due to increases in electricity and heating fuel. The shed has been put on hold.

5505	Recreation Department	Budget Request	\$102,126
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Sherry Forline Hill and Karen Keane presented the budget request for the Recreation Department. They are asking for an increase of \$315.00 which is .3%. The request is mainly for salary increases to bring some of the salaries up to minimum wages.

The Department requested \$20,000 for the capital improvement fund to add on to the present playscape and paint the buildings. There is no money available for this but the Board of Finance will keep this in mind as more budgets are presented. They also wanted to plan a new walk and bike path and will look into grants for this.

2010	Planning and Zoning	Budget Request	\$80,210
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The Planning and Zoning Budget was presented by George Eames and Geoff Colgrove. The main increase is for Midstate services and Secretary wages. There is a problem with Object Code 138 at 4,800 which was removed from the budget and included in 103 but according to Geoff they did not know about this and now will make their budget request be more.

1555	Legal (P & Z Legal and Litigation)	Budget Request	\$30,000
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There is no increase in this amount for this budget. It was recommended that all legal fees be listed under one account.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon J. Criscuolo

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Secretary to the Board of Finance