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5/24/2023 - Minutes

**I. Pledge Of Allegiance**

Vice-President Simmons called the meeting to order at 6:36PM and lead the Committee and other guests present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:**

Vice-President Simmons

Councilor Prescott

Councilor Donovan

Craig Cameron

Councilor Gould

Chris Champ

**Members Absent:**

John Porter

**Staff Present:**

Town Manager Michael Borg

Assistant Town Manager Antonio Morabito

Clerk of the Council Kerrin Billinghoff

Treasurer/Tax Collector Chris Sweet

Residential Services Representative Chanelle Sae-Eaw

## **Residents Present:**

None at this time.

## **DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:**

- May 2, 2023 Finance Sub-Committee Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- May 9, 2023 Finance Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

## **II. Approval Of Minutes**

- a. Approval of Finance Sub-Committee Minutes of May 9, 2023

Approval of Finance Sub-Committee Minutes of May 9, 2023.

Councilor Prescott made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 9, 2023.

Councilor Donovan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 5-0-1.**

- b. Approval of Finance Sub-Committee Executive Session Minutes of May 2, 2023

Approval of Finance Sub-Committee Executive Session Minutes of May 2, 2023.

Councilor Prescott made a motion to approve Executive Session Minutes of May 2, 2023.

Councilor Donovan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 5-1-1.**

## **III. Town Councilor Community Announcements**

Councilor Gould announced that it is Department of Public Works Week! Thank you to all of the DPW Workers.

## **IV. Resident And Community Comment**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **V. Old Business**

- a. FY2024 FINAL BUDGET SUBMITTAL MEASURES

Each of the following measures were discussed and reviewed by the Town Manager and the Finance Sub-Committee:

- i. Measure 2023-051- FY24 General Fund Annual Appropriation
- ii. Measure 2023-052- FY24 OPEB Funding

- iii. Measure 2023-053- FY24 Quinquennial Evaluation
- iv. Measure 2023-054- FY24 Capital Stabilization Fund Transfer
- v. Measure 2023-055- FY24 Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Transfer
- vi. Measure 2023-056 -FY24 Betterment Stabilization Fund Transfer
- vii. Measure 2023-057- FY24 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Annual Appropriation
- viii. Measure 2023-058-FY 24 Sewer Enterprise Fund Annual Appropriation
- ix. Measure 2023-059- FY24 Water Enterprise Fund Annual Appropriation
- x. Measure 2023-060- FY24 Comcast PEG Access Enterprise Fund Annual Appropriation
- xi. Measure 2023-061- FY24 Verizon PEG Access Enterprise Fund Annual Appropriation
- xii. Measure 2023-062- FY24 General Fund Capital Improvement Plan Utilization of FY23 Free Cash
- xiii. Measure 2023-063-FY24 General Fund Capital Projects for Approval
- xiv. Measure 2023-064- FY24 Ambulance Receipt Reserve Account Transfer -CIP
- xv. Measure 2023-065- FY24 Solid Waste Fund Utilization of Retained Earnings
- xvi. Measure 2023-066-FY24 General Fund Capital Improvement Plan and Funding for Borrowing
- xvii. Measure 2023-067 -FY24 Sewer Enterprise Capital Projects for Borrowing
- xviii. Measure 2023-068- FY24 Water Enterprise Capital Project for Borrowing
- xix. Measure 2023-069- FY24 Revolving Accounts Annual Authorization
- xx. Measure 2023-070- FY24 Local Acceptance of Certain Property Tax Exemptions
- xxi. Measure 2023-071- FY24 Additional Real Estate Property Tax Exemptions One Hundred Percent
- xxii. Measure 2023-072- Establish a Maximum Dollar Amount of \$9,999.99 for Town Manager Line Item Transfers

## **VI. New Business**

- a. Review and Discussion of Town Positions; Assistant Town Manager and Resident Services Representative
- b. Free Cash Strategy Proposal

Town Manager Borg presented his Free Cash Strategy Proposal and potential measures/projects for consideration to be brought forward to the Full Town Council.

- Roosevelt School Playground (Free Cash FY24)
  - Estimated that there will be \$150,000.00 left over from the funds that were allocated to the Amvet Playground. Funds could be reallocated to Roosevelt Playground.
  - State Representative Scanlon discussed earmarking \$100,000.00 to Roosevelt Playground, to be confirmed in October/November of 2023.
  - We do not have all of the funds in our possession at this point, so would be beneficial to see what we exactly have and exactly what we need before the project could begin. Waiting would be beneficial.
  - Discussion amongst Committee of time frame for this.
  - Councilor Gould suggested doing this playground this summer, before school begins. He stated that the best time is to do it now.
  - There was discussion amongst Committee, and they felt waiting until all cash was in hand, would be best.
  
- Capital Stabilization in the amount of \$479,838.00
- Special Education- Capital Stabilization
  - This would be capped at a certain amount per the State.
  - No amount being requested.
  - Discussion amongst Town Manager and the Committee.
  
- Tax Relief for the Residents in the amount of \$300,000.00
  - Would be an average savings of \$50.00 per year per family per the Town Assessor.
  - Councilor Gould came up with a different number.
  - Savings would be based on property value that is being taxed.

Councilor Prescott made a motion to extend the meeting beyond the three-hour mark.

Councilor Donovan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Recess was taken at 8:36PM.

Sub-Committee reconvened at 8:40PM.

- OPEB-
  - Councilor Simmons would like to write a policy/practice and bring this forward to the Town Council.
  
- North T.V. Proposal, allocating \$60,000.00 to open paywall to Government Channel to offer it at no cost for a year to North Attleboro residents.
- Mason Filed Pickleball Courts in the amount of \$250,000.00.
- Safety and Security in the amount of \$200,000.00.
- High School Softball Field Scoreboard
- Petti Field Scoreboard and lights.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to refer back to the Full Town Council for further description and discussion the Free Cash Strategy Proposal.

Councilor Prescott seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

## **VII. Adjournment**

Councilor Prescott made a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Donovan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:47PM.**