



Town of Acton Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 13th, 2018
Town Hall Room 204 • 7:30 pm

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Members in attendance: David Wellinghoff (Clerk), Steve Noone (Chair), Christine Russell (Associate), Jeff Bergart, Mike Majors, Jason Cole (Vice-chair), Christiana Andersen, Roland Bourdon, John Benson (Associate), Bob Evans, Tom Farley

Members absent:

Other: Brian McMullen, Janet Adachi (BoS)

Chair Noone called meeting to order at 7:30.

Public participation – None.

Presentation on North Acton Fire Station – Fire Chief presents on recommendation for new fire station. It is recommended that a fire station be 1.5 miles from properties serviced. Areas in the North have a greater than 6-minute response time (some are 7-9 minutes).

66-68 Harris Street is a builder friendly site that the town currently owns. Also recommend upgrading the existing fire station at town center. Requesting \$750,000 for Design Funding, construction estimates are \$7.5 million. No request for new equipment.

Biggest question is staffing levels. They can staff with current levels but it is inefficient. Looking to bolster staff levels by 8 personnel. The increase in personnel would also be supportive of the new services added. Regardless of station approved, they are looking to request 8 additional personnel.

Presentation on Kelley's Corner – Andy Brockway presents the infrastructure planning update which includes many of the potential changes to the Kelley's Corner broader area that will need to be done as part of securing the state TIP funding. Estimate for \$13.5mn

for the project which will be covered by the state (originally \$9.9mn), state is expected to cover the increase.

There will be two articles for Town Meeting to be paid by town (above and beyond what was discussed at town meeting in 2016):

1. Appraisal services - \$125,000.
2. Supplementary Engineering Design costs - \$344,000

Burying utility poles will cost \$1.5mn per mile (sorry Jason). Zoning revisions will be revisited at this falls Semi-annual Town Meeting ('S'TM is not Special, it is Semi-annual). Kmart lease with Stop N Shop is to 2021, they don't expect Stop N Shop to renew the lease.

ALG Meeting – Committee moves to support ALG FY19 operating budget recommendation provided by Chair and Vice-chair.

OPEB Update – Chair provides an update on the unfunded actuarially accrued liability and the expected costs to service them versus what the town is currently funding. Trends have been favorable for FY16 versus FY14.

Committee Business – Committee distributes town warrant articles to members to followup on.

Chair announces that Bob Evans will not be seeking another term on committee, he will be missed.

Members provide updates on committee assignments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Wellinghoff
Finance Committee Clerk