



# Town of Hanson

## Finance Committee

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Minutes of: January 13, 2015

Meeting Opened: 7:00 PM  
Adjourned: 9:15 PM

M: MW (2<sup>nd</sup>) TF V: 4-0

	Barbara Arena <i>Chair</i>	Steve McKinnon <i>Vice Chair</i>	OPEN	OPEN	Michael Wojdag	Teresa Fettig	Michael Dugan
Present	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Exp	6/30/15	6/30/16	6/30/15	6/30/16	6/30/16	6/30/15	6/30/2017
Time		7:05					

Also Present: Ron SanAngelo, Town Administrator

<b>2015 Opening Reserve Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$86,187</b>
<b>8/12 Town Hall Phone System:</b>	<b>(\$15,000)</b>
<b>1/6/15 Approvals:</b>	
<b>BOH - VNA Services</b>	<b>(\$2,000)</b>
<b>HWY - Equipment Repair</b>	<b>(\$3,500)</b>
<b>HWY - Overtime</b>	<b>(\$4,000)</b>
<b>Tree Warden - Tree Removal</b>	<b>(\$6,500)</b>
<b>1/13/15 Balance:</b>	<b>\$55,187</b>

No reserve fund requests have been received. Current reserve fund balance \$55,187 with \$2,475 in possible requests from Police (see minutes of 8/12/14). Highway drainage repair of Gorwin Drive overrun verbally reported to be submitted for next meeting.

Ron San Angelo attended to specifically highlighted the transfer station expenses and answer committee questions regarding budget:

Waste Zero reports - estimates revenue at year end will be approximately \$250,000

Tonnage expense has reduced attributed to:

- Elimination of "out of towners" utilizing transfer station with new sticker enforcement
- Elimination of commercial users

Increase in tonnage cost went into effect 1/1/15 to \$55/ton (from \$34/ton) with new carrier, New Bedford Waste ("NBW"). Mr. SanAngelo reported that NBW erroneously started picking up in November and December while we were still under the Seamass contract. Mr. SanAngelo reports that no payments have been made to NBW and that they will be required to honor the Seamass contract rate (\$34/ton).

Mr. San Angelo provided committee members with year to date expenditure reports as of 12/31/14. Committee began discussions of FY 2016 budget reviews as follows:

### Finance Committee

Finance committee expenses will be level funded. No secretarial expense has been incurred in 2015 but has been posted. Original posting requires \$9.00/hour as start and Arena has requested this be allowed to be increased based upon candidate experience (by law limit is \$15). Mr. San Angelo requested a letter from Ms. Arena and would place on agenda and schedule Wage & Personnel Board meeting prior to next selectmen's meeting. (The selectmen are the wage and personnel board.)

### **Fire Department**

Fire Chief's proposed budget includes an additional lieutenant which will help with the position of inspection officer and potentially enable to create a Deputy Chief position to provide additional duty coverage and supervisory support. Committee expressed concern regarding demand and level/number of management positions within the force. Chief Thompson will be requested to present at a future meeting.

### **Board of Health/Transfer Station**

The proposed budget takes into consideration possible opening of the transfer station on Sundays and closing on another weekday to provide 2 consecutive days off. The only full-time and union employee is not sure he wants to work on Sundays. Any such change would require union approval and acceptance by the sole represented member.

The proposed budget also includes increasing one of the part-time employees to full-time to ensure a dependable source of labor. There is currently an unfilled part-time position with no acceptable applicants.

The proposed budget includes \$110,000 from taxation with no increase in bag fees.

A determination regarding the proposed budget changes must be provided in order for the committee to fully consider its 2016 budget recommendation.

### **Highway/Tree Warden** - tabled for future discussion

Mr. San Angelo provided some budget highlights before leaving:

- Insurance?
- Regional School Budget reflects 3% increase
- SSVT and Norfolk Aggie - level funded

### **Other Budget Items Discussed**

Mr. McKinnon inquired the status of the roof repair to the library. Mr. San Angelo indicated that warrant is expected to be presented at town meeting after review by the Capital Committee.

Mr. McKinnon also expressed concern at the wage proposed for the Veteran's agent. Discussion indicated that compensation was originally structured based upon limits imposed by social security. Mr. McKinnon suggested that the rate was far below market and we should do what we can to increase.

9:00 - Ron San Angelo left.

Committee continued to discuss additional fire department staff request including impact on overtime training expense. Mike Wojdag (Fire Liaison) would discuss availability to have Chief Thompson attend a future meeting.

Meeting Minutes for 12/15/14 and 1/6/15 were reviewed and approved subject to fixing of a typo. Motion by MW, 2nd by SM; Vote: 5-0

Next meeting scheduled for January 27.

9:15 pm Motion to Adjourn by MW, 2nd SM; Vote: 5-0