

**Town of Andover Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 18, 2018
7:00 p.m. – Community Room
17 School Road
Minutes**

BOF Members: Present:

Dan Warren, Board Chair, Rob England, Linda Fish, Dave Hewitt, Eric Shevchenko, Jeff Murray

Absent: Adrian Mandeville

Town Officials Present: Robert Burbank, First Selectman, Joe Higgins, Town Administrator

Staff Present: Sandra Nichols, Board Clerk

Other Attendees: Attachment #1

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order: Dan Warren, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03PM

Agenda Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 3: Public Comments:

Curt Dowling speaks on re-instating the funding for the Resident State Trooper and cites what other Towns have for funding in their budget.

Deborah Scanlon speaks on behalf of the Trooper and comments on what was printed in the paper. She also inquires about the new cost for the Transfer Station and why residents were not notified.

Scott Warren supports the BOF decision to remove the Trooper from the Budget and he explains why.

Robert Burbank states that he visited the barracks and spoke with them regarding the force. They stated that the Troop is down approximately 30% and the response time will be slower. Bob also notes that nights and

special events can be added to the Troopers requirements and that the BOS voted to put the Trooper back in the Budget.

Joe Higgins introduces Barbara, the new Town Hall Treasurer who will be starting on Monday.

Sally Doyan, School Superintendent speaks about what the Resident State Trooper has historically added to the school for (approx.) the past 20 yrs. She does however state for the record that that she has no official position on this decision.

Dan Warren addresses what Curt brought up in the beginning about other towns, specifically Canterbury. He note that these are elected Constables and he explains what there function is (clearly not the same as the Trooper). He also clarifies why the Meetings were held on the dates that they were. Dan notes that with the Budget provided to the BOF from the BOS and the recommendations provided by the CIP Committee will affect the mill rate as follows; 3.04 increase = 35.54 and with the budget presented at public hearing 1.8 increase = 34.3 mills.

Agenda Item 4: FY19 Budget:

Dan Warren begins the discussion on the Budget line Items beginning with the Resident State Trooper.

Discussion/recommendations on the budgets that were presented to the BOF for consideration and how they should proceed. (there was not enough time for the BOF to review the ones presented to them before bringing the Budget to a Town Meeting). Future Budgets and the procedure/Referendum also mentioned.

Dan Warren Motions to start a discussion on the budget

Robert Hamburger Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous 6/0/0

Dan Warren opens the discussion asking the Board to make specific motions for any changes that they would like to see in the current budget.

Discussion on the Town Meeting, the Referendum and what happens if it fails at any point and the Trooper.

Eric Shevchenko Motions that the line item for the Resident State Trooper should be budgeted for \$200K

Robert Hamburger Seconded

Discussion on possible reduction in the Budget (Dan mentions the 25% reduction to health benefits due to an error)

Motion Failed 3/3/0 Dave Hewitt, Dan Warren and Linda Fish Opposed

Dan Warren Motions to reduce under Budget Line Item 141-215, Health Benefits from \$230K to \$200K and increase Dental under Line Item 141 from 12K to 20K due to the Insurance Company information that was provided to him.

Robert Hamburger Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous 6/0/0

Discussion continued on other Budget Line Items

Joe Higgins talks about the CIP Meetings that he has attended and what was discussed, specifically the pay loader for the Public Works Dept.

Discussion on the pay loader, the cost and the need

Continued discussion on the Budget to present at the Town Meeting

Eric Shevchenko discusses the RHAM Budget

Dan Warren Motions to send the budget of \$11,002,346.97 (budget available on the Town Website)

Eric Shevchenko Seconded

Motion Passed 5/1/0 Jeff Murray Opposed

Agenda Item 5: Public Speak:

The public present speaks out on how they feel about the budget and the State Trooper

Agenda Item 5: Adjournment:

Dan Warren Motions to adjourn at 8:27PM

Jeff Murray Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous 6/0/0

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra Nichols, Board Clerk

***These Minutes are submitted as required by the Freedom of Information Act and are not official until formally approved by the Board.**