

Town of Longmeadow

Minutes of the Finance Committee for May 8, 2019

Greenwood Center, Council on Aging Wing

Finance Committee Members Present: Paul Santaniello -Chairman, (arrived at 7:26pm), Andrew Lam-Vice Chairperson, Ed Clark-Clerk, Maury Garrett Jr. (arrived at 8:30pm), Chaya Kosofsky, William Welch and Eileen Morin

Other Present: Paul J. Pasterczyk-Finance Director, Jason DuCharme-Town Accountant, Richard Foster-Select Board, Marie Angelides-Select Board, Peter Landon–Audit Committee, Lynn Pantuosco-Hensch-Resident, Alex Mitreska-Resident

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Lynn Pantuosco-Hensch asked for the Finance Committee's support in regards to article 16 for the upcoming 5/14/19 town meeting, which refers to improvements to Wolf Swamp Fields and authorizes the Town to borrow \$1,541,000.00 in order to complete the project. Lynn provided a detailed explanation on how the money would be spent to improve the fields as well as the cost to maintain the fields. See attachment.

Richard Foster of the Select Board asked for the Finance Committee's support in regards to article 10, which authorizes the use of \$100,000.00 from the Town's Free Cash for survey work for possible reconstruction to the south end of Longmeadow Street. Richard explained that the town would be responsible for payment of the surveying work and the reconstruction process would be paid for with a state grant. The reconfiguration to the street would allow for traffic improvements.

Reserve Fund Request-Paul Pasterczyk presented a reserve fund request on behalf of the Select Board and DPW in the amount of \$19,735 to smooth out the raised crosswalk on Williams Street at Grassy Gutter Road and Merriweather Drive. The Select Board, at their April 16, 2019 meeting voted 4-0 to direct the DPW to make the necessary changes. Marie Angelides and Richard Foster of the Select Board both spoke in favor of the reconstruction of the raised crosswalk. Since the project was paid for by the Complete Streets State Grant and the project's engineering specifications were approved by the state, the Finance Committee has requested a legal opinion be determined to see if the state will allow for the change in the speed bump before they approve, or deny the reserve fund request.

Andrew Lam was appointed as interim Chairman since Paul Santaniello is up for appointment (7-0 in favor)

Motion to adjourn at 8:40pm (7 – 0 in favor).

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Clark, Finance Committee Clerk