

FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MARCH 24, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT Faith D. Ballenger, Steve Bruno, James Drummey, Don Jamison, Chad Liston, Gordon Prime, Herbert A. Stone, Bradford Littlefield, Lindee Watson, and Helen B. Wilkins

MEMBERS ABSENT Victor E. DiGregorio (N)

Chairman James Drummey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with words of welcome to all.

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was followed by roll call.

There was a motion by Helen B. Wilkins, seconded by Herbert A. Stone to accept the Minutes of the March 17, 2011. The vote was unanimous.

Town Assessor, George Green, went over the process he uses to evaluate properties, both residential and business and industry. He tries hard to be fair to both sides. When asked the foreclosure percentage, he stated it was close to 7%.

Michael Ralston, a member of the Sanford Regional Economic Development Council, reviewed their request.

Richard L. Stanley, President, of the Sanford-Springvale Chamber of Commerce and Economical Development, presented his request. This budget was in the 2010-2011 Town Budget but not included in the 2011-2012 Budget. Why, he does not know. Last years request was for \$10,000 but was reduced to \$9,700.00. He explained how the Chamber works with the Town and for the Chambers membership. He ask that the Finance Committee consider including his request in the 2011-2012 Budget.

T.M. Mark Green and Bill Botting discussed the Information Systems budget. He explained that the increase cost to the Contract Services account is due to the cost of programs. It is less expensive for him to pay this fee. It allows for current updates. To purchase new programs yearly, is much more expensive. The increase in the telephone request is that two (2) employees have "smart phones" which allows them, when called, to fix problems wherever they may be.

T. M. Mark Green and Assessor George Greene discussed the Assessing Budget.

T. M., Mark Green discussed the Property & Casualty Insurance Account. It was suggested that these items go out to bid. Nothing against Maine Municipal but if there are savings out there, we should consider same.

T. M. Mark Green and Police Chief, Thomas Connolly discussed the Police Department account. The status of the 3-year Grant was discussed. It is an ongoing project. The Crossing Guard Budget was discussed.

T. M. Mark Green and RJ Legere discussed the Sanford Regional Communications budget. The big question was how much money are we making and where do the funds go? Mr. Green stated that we are not really making money; we are at a break-even point.

T. M. Mark Green and Fire Chief, Jeff Rowe discussed the Fire Department account. It was noted that they would be hiring an Asst. Fire Chief. They did eliminate the Training Officers position. They are budgeting \$4,000 to have the property surveyed before the façade can be addressed.

T. M. Mark Green and Charles Andreson discussed the Public Works account. Questions on the Oak Street paving was discussed. The explanation of the funding budgeted for this project and having the project completed, is unknown at this time.

T. M. Mark Green and Eugene Alley discussed the Environmental Services account. The discussion of dump stickers was discussed.

T. M. Mark Green and Marcel Blouin discussed the Recreation account. This account now has the cost of the 4th of July Fire works included.

T. M. Mark Green and Marcel Blouin discussed the Parks budget. Marcel is now responsible for the "roundabout" - grass, plants, whatever - gateway to Sanford. His personal preference would be to cement it. Some agreed with him, as it is not the best planned turning radius roundabout.

T. M. Mark Green and Marcel Blouin discussed Mountain View Acres account. There is no increase in this budget.

T. M. Mark Green and Diane Sheldon discussed the General Assistance Budget and the Health Officer's Budget.

T. M. Mark Green and Melissa Flayhan discussed the Personnel Budget and the Employee Insurance and Benefits account.

T. M. Mark Green and Airport Manager, Dana Parry discussed the Airport Budget. Dana explained the income that is currently received.

T. M. Mark Green was asked where the funds were coming from to retrofit the former Police Department in the Town Hall Annex. He stated that there are funds in the CIP plus the balance from the bonding of the new police station.

T. M. Green what the balance was from the Oxford Aviation bonding. He said that there is no balance. He will have a copy of this account ready for our next meeting.

Faith D. Ballenger distributed a copy of Budget Information she is requesting from Town Manager, Mark Green.

Chairman James Drummey distributed calendars suggesting agendas. On March 31st, we will review the School Budget; April 7th, final vote on the Town Articles, April 14th, final vote on the School Articles; and on April 21st, Present and vote on the CIP Budgets, Article 12, Town, and Article

There was a motion by Helen B. Wilkins, seconded by Don Jamison to adjourn at 9:20 PM. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faith D. Ballenger
Secretary