TOWN OF GROTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, May 4, 2015, Middle School Cafeteria

344 Main St. Groton, MA, 6:30 p.m.

Present for Finance Committee: R. Hargraves (Vice Chair), G. Green (Chair), B. Robertson, Art Prest, M. Bacon, D. Manugian, P. DuFresne (Town Accountant, Recording)

Absent: Barry Pease

Also Present: M. Haddad (Town Manager), Andrew Davis (Sargisson Beach Committee), A. Eliot (Selectman), S. Harker (Resident), J. Anderson (Resident)

Documents available at the meeting: 2015 Sargisson Beach Funding Request Documents

Line Item/Reserve Fund Transfer Proposal - Revised

Revised Motion for Article 19

Mr. Green called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Sargisson Beach FY15 Budget Requirements — Mr. Haddad explained that although \$8,000 had already been reserved as a Line Item Transfer to fulfill the YMCA contract obligations, there is an additional \$7,000 needed in order to safely open the beach for May and June. Mr. Davis agreed saying that while some of the beach purchases had been made last year (mostly swim area markers and lumber for the kayak rack), there are still a number of necessary start-up expenses to be made in FY15, such as first aid and emergency medical supplies, as well as a life guard chair. Mr. Haddad asked whether swim lessons would be offered this year. Mr. Davis said that while lessons may be offered at a future time, they will not be offered this season. He added that while the beach is still considered a MA DEP project site, clean-up is underway, and the property should be officially open to the public next week. Residents can park there now, as long as the gate is open. Mr. Harker asked whether the property is considered handicap accessible. Mr. Davis answered that there are handicap parking spaces, but although the trail down to the beach has been improved, it is still steep and difficult for those who need assistance. Mr. Prest asked whether a grand opening event is planned. Mr. Davis said that an official "Opening Day" event may be scheduled for some time around Memorial Day. This cannot happen until after the May 16th clean-up effort takes place.

The Finance Committee briefly discussed the increase of \$7,000 to the Line Item Transfer requested for Sargisson Beach. The members present were in favor of allowing these additional purchases to be made in order to safely open the beach for FY15. Therefore, a vote to reconsider Article 19: Line Item Transfers was not necessary.

Article 30 (B) CPC Funding for Conservation Land Acquisition Fund — Mr. Cunningham informed the Finance Committee Members that he would be moving to amend this motion to reduce the requested funding from \$200,000 to \$150,000. This would bring the balance in the fund up to the level suggested in the BOS Financial Policy document, but would allow CPC some margin for funding future projects at Prescott should they choose to do so.

Approval of Meeting Minutes -

On a motion by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Bacon, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of April 21 and April 27, 2015 as drafted. The Vote: 6-0-0

Mr. Green officially adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Dufresne, Recording Secretary

Funding Source	\$	Budgetary Use	\$	Notes	
Reserve Fund	150,000	Fire Dept Expenses Library Expenses Accounting Expenses Unemployment Comp Mechanical Insp Salaries Police Wages Fire Wages	12,700 3,500 30,000 7,000 22,000	Nozzles & Ladder Truck Repair Window Repairs Scheduled Departmental Audit Unanticipated EE Terminations Increased Inspection Hours/rates Pierce Retirement Vaca/OT Storm Coverage/C.Jefferson pay	
RFT Subtotal Ending Reserve Fund Bal	150,000 27,300	Subtotal	122,700		
Line Item Transfers					
Communications Wages	84,000	Mechanical Insp Expenses Sealer of Weights/Meas Sal Legal Expenses	1,000	Mileage for Increased Inspections New Scales Installed at Shaw's Increased Litigation Expenses	
County Retirement	30,000	Medicare Matching IT Wages Country Club Expenses	5,000	Misc Budget Adjustment Stipend pd during IT Dir vacancy Pool Chairs	
Country Club Wages	32,000	Country Club Salary Country Club Expenses Country Club Expenses Country Club Expenses	10,000 11,000	New Golf Pro Tee Box Repairs Repair to Locker Rooms Stock Pro Shop	
Transfer Station Wages Highway Wages	8,000 16,000	Highway Expenses	34,000	General Expenses	
Library Wages	1,610	Library Salaries		Misc Budget Adjustment	
HR Salary	2,500	HR Expense	,	Recruitment	
Health Insurance Exp	15,000	Water Safety	15,000	May/June Opening Expenses	
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Enterprise Funds Funding Source	\$	Budget Use	\$		
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Overlay Surplus Released	175,000	Snow & Ice	175,000		

FY15 Water Safety (Sargisson Beach) Line Item Transfer Request:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Lowell YMCA May	3,000	Lifeguards/FICA/Fees/Supplies/Insurance
Lowell YMCA June	5,000	Lifeguards/FICA/Fees/Supplies/Insurance
Lifeguard Chairs	1,400	
Rescue Equipment	1,300	
Gear Storage	650	
Add'l Rescue Equip. Med Supplies	2,650	Boat/Life Jackets/ Radio
Contingency	1,000	
Total FY15 Line Item Transfer Request to Water Safety General Expenses	15,000	

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WATER SAFETY

Patricia DuFresne

From:

Dawn Dunbar

Sent:

Monday, May 04, 2015 11:22 AM

To:

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Cc:

Patricia DuFresne; Mark Haddad; ikauppi@kauppi.us; Michael Bouchard

Subject:

Article 19 - Spring Town Meeting

Good Morning Members of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee,

Article 19 has been revised to include an additional \$7,000 transfer for Water Safety for the current year. The amount being transferred in the motion has changed to \$189,110. Line item 3010 – Health Insurance, under "Amount to be Transferred" has increased to \$15,000. Line item 1681 – Water Safety – Expenses and Minor Capital, under "Amount Transferred to" has increased to \$15,000. The slides at Town Meeting, which I have copied below, will reflect this change.

ARTICLE 19:

CURRENT YEAR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Mover: Stuart Schulman

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer sums of money within the Fiscal Year 2015 Town Operating Budget, being the sums of money identified in the "Transfer funds from" line items designated in the Information Packet distributed to voters for this Town Meeting, said sums to be transferred to the various line items in the "Transfer funds to" categories designated within the Information Packet, the total amount to be transferred being \$189,110.

Quantum of Yown Meeting Vote: Majority

Transfer funds from:

<u>Line Item</u>	Amount To Be Transferred
1090 – Human Resources – Salary 1370 – Police & Fire Communications – Wages 1501 – Highway Department – Wages 1550 – Solid Waste Disposal – Wages 1661 – Library – Wages 1701 – Country Club – Wages 3000 – County Retirement 3010 – Health Insurance	\$ 2,500 \$ 84,000 \$ 16,000 \$ 8,000 \$ 1,610 \$ 32,000 \$ 30,000 \$ 15,000
Total	\$189,110

Transfer funds to:

1080 – Town Counsel – Expenses \$ 62,0	isterred To
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1091 – Human Resources – Expenses \$ 2,50	10
1101 – Information Technology – Wages \$ 5,00	Ю
1251 – Mechanical Inspector – Expenses \$ 1,00	IO
1280 – Sealer Weights & Measures – Fee Salaries \$ 1,000	l

1502 – Highway Department – Expenses	\$ 34,000
1660 – Library – Salary	\$ 1,610
1681 – Water Safety – Expenses and Minor Capital	\$ 15,000
1700 – Country Club – Salary	\$ 16,000
1702 - Country Club - Expenses	\$ 46,000
3012 – Employee Benefits – Medicare/Social Security	<u>\$ 5,000</u>

Total \$189,110

Best Regards, Dawn

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