



The Town of Barnstable

Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC)

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CFAC Committee:

Chairman:

Bill Brower

Members:

Robert Ciolek
Laura Cronin
Peter Eastman
Stanley Hodkinson
Ralph Krau
Henry McClean
Jacqueline Michelove

Staff Liaison:

Mark Milne

Councilor Liaison:

Richard Barry
James Tinsley

CFAC MEETING MINUTES

8.15.11

7:00 PM

Growth Management Conference Room

CFAC Members Present: Robert Ciolek, Laura Cronin, Ralph Krau, Peter Eastman

CFAC Members Absent: Jacqueline Michelove, Stanley Hodkinson, Henry McClean

Councilors Present: None

Staff Present: Mark Milne-Finance Director, Deb Childs - Finance/Budget Analyst

1. Call to Order

Upon a quorum duly present, Laura Cronin called the CFAC meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Growth Management Conference Room.

2. Staff & Councilor Comments

Mark Milne informed the committee he is working on closing the books for FY11 and hopes to have that completed by the end of September. He indicated revenues performed well and there may be some appropriations returned by the school. He does not have an estimate of the available free cash at this time.

Motion made and accepted to approve the notes of 6.06.11 and the minutes of 06.20.11.

Vote : Unanimous

3. Old Business

Solid Waste Sub-Committee

Bob Ciolek just attended the Renewable Energy Committee meeting. The town of Sandwich provided a presentation on their recently implemented pay-as-you-throw program. Bob will be getting an electronic copy of the presentation. Otherwise, there was no new information.

Bob C. inquired if the Board of Health Department was tracking on waste information?

Mark Milne will ask Regulatory Services if they are tracking any of the recommended performance measures such as tonnage by private hauler and recyclables information by private hauler.

Peter Eastman commented that he is partial to the Yarmouth landfill. He finds it user friendly for recycling. He wondered if we could get any information on their financial performance or what their plans are for the future. Peter volunteered to join the Solid Waste Sub-committee.

New Business

Laura requested feedback on where the committee believes it should focus its efforts over the next few months.

Mark Milne reviewed that the process for the CIP budget for FY2013 would be beginning shortly. The operating budget would then follow. Mark will follow up with the Town Management as to the timelines.

Bob C. requested that Mark provide information to the committee on any significant changes in the budget to allow the committee time to discuss with staff and understand the significance of the change.

Ralph K. commented the ideal would be to have 60 days to review the budget.

Mark M. indicated the drawback to that is that the state aid is unpredictable and may change within that time. The charter currently allows the most time to use state aid information and look at the revenues received in the last quarter of the fiscal year.

Laura offered the committee's resources for assistance with establishing tracking mechanisms for departments in regard to performance measures as well as any other tasks the Town Council and Management would like them to look at.

Bob C. inquired about how revenues were looking?

Laura C. inquired about the new meals tax increase?

Mark M. responded that for FY11 approximately 400-500K in revenues came in over the seven months. FY12 will cover a full 12 months including the five busiest months of the year. The Department of Revenue estimates \$1.2 M and the TOB estimates \$1M. The first payment is expected in September.

Laura C. inquired if the proposed legislation passed allowing those proceeds to be dedicated to Sewers?

Mark M. responded that it was voted favorably out of committee. He noted that the testimony of the CFAC committee helped in the effort. The motion still requires a vote of the House and Senate. Mark will keep the committee posted.

Peter Eastman raised the topic of Fire Departments and consolidation. He acknowledged that he is a member of the Barnstable Fire District Prudential Committee. Peter noted that there is approximately \$500K in benefits cost attributed to the fire departments.

Bob C. replied that the CFAC committee as well as the Town has no authority to look into an independent government and there appeared to be a lack of support for the idea. It requires the voters to create a movement to change the current set up.

It was noted the Bob Ciolek and Ralph Krau were both re-appointed to the CFAC Committee.

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting - Tuesday September 6th @ 7 p.m.