

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
December 21, 2015

1. Chairman Brasco called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm.
2. Councillor McMenimen moved that attendance be taken by a roll call. The Clerk called the roll – Councillors Giordano, McMenimen, Romard, Vizard and Chairman Brasco were present.
3. Councillor Vizard moved that that the minutes of the meeting December 7, 2015 be accepted. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to transfer \$185,000 to fund the emergency sewer repair of the sewer and drain pipes located on South Street in the vicinity of Sawyer Road as follows:

FROM:

#603-440-2003-7200 – Sewer/Drain General	\$175,543.97
#603-440-2005-7300 – Sewer/Drain General	\$ 9,456.03

TO:

#603-440-2003-7230 – Sewer/Drain (South St SSO)	\$175,543.97
#603-440-2005-7323 – Sewer/Drain (South St SSO)	\$ 9,456.03

Councillor Giordano moved to hear from an off-committee member – City Engineer Steve Casazza. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Giordano asked Mr. Casazza to explain the problem and the proposed solution. Councillor Vizard remarked of the number of SSO incidents and it did not seem to diminish over time. Mr. Casazza stated the system was old and in constant need of repair and upgrade. Councillor Vizard asked Mr. Casazza if he had adequate staffing to address these issues since the City Council had created a separate Engineering Department for that purpose. Mr. Casazza stated that he had adequate staffing but there a several current vacancies. Councillor Romard asked Mr. Casazza to explain the proposed fix and when the work would occur. Mr. Casazza stated that the work would be done primarily at night and could take up to thirty days; however winter conditions could have an impact and delay the completion. Councillor Giordano moved to approve the transfer funding request. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

5. A request was received from the Mayor to accept a gift in the amount of \$2,500 from the Digital Federal Credit Union to be used by the Waltham Public Library towards programs that make a difference in our community. Councillor McMenimen moved to

hear from an off-committee member – Library Director Kelly Linehan. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Ms. Linehan explained to the Committee the proposed use of the funds: (1) Girls Who Code Program (2) 1,000 books before kindergarten (3) Community wide recreational club. Councillor Vizard moved to accept the gift. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

6. A request was received from the Mayor to accept a donation in the amount of \$200 from Connors & Connors, LLC for Christmas lights. Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from off-committee members – Robert Connors and Michael Connors. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen expressed her thank you to the Connors for their annual donation and their long term involvement in the community. Councillor McMenimen moved to accept the gift. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
7. A motion by Councillor Giordano to adjourn was approved by a voice vote and the Chair declared the committee adjourned – 8:40 pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Finance Committee