

Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2017

Councillor McMenimen, Chair of the Committee called the meeting to order at 8:37pm.

The Clerk called the roll.

Attendance: Fowler, Giordano, McMenimen, Romard, Vidal

Absent: None

Councillor Giordano moved approval of the minutes from the Committee meeting held on 12/4/2017. All were in favor. Minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Vidal moved to suspend the rules to hear from an off committee member. All were in favor. Bill Forte, Building Inspector, spoke on the first agenda item regarding an appropriation of \$5,000 for code enforcement equipment. Chairwoman McMenimen asked Mr. Forte who controls the money in his department? He stated he does. Councillor Giordano moved approval of the funds. All were in favor. Matter was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Romard spoke on the second agenda item; \$15,327.34 for Law Dept. to purchase computers/equipment. No one from the law dept. was present to comment. Councillors Vidal and Giordano spoke on the matter. Councillor Romard moved to table the matter. All were in favor and matter was tabled. Councillor Romard made a request to have the law dept. attend the Committee meeting next week to discuss funds. All were in favor and request was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Fowler moved to hear from an off committee member. All were in favor. John Zuppe, Health Director spoke on the Mayors communication for the appropriation of \$100,000 for the health/medical services to Charles River Community Health. Megan Ritcey from the health dept. also spoke on the matter. She explained that these funds would be used for screening/triage services and direct patients to different agencies. There would be some prioritization for Waltham calls. Councillor Giordano spoke on the matter. He asked what percentage of veterans use the services Waltham provides. Ms. Ritcey did not have an exact figure but said anyone that calls has access to the services Waltham has to offer. Councillor Romard wanted to know what kind of tracking system would be set in place and asked questions about the contract. Councillor Vidal asked questions on the matter. He made a request to have a representative from the Charles River Community Health Center come to the next meeting held on December 26, 2017 to discuss the services and contract. All were in favor. Request was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Giordano made a request to get clarification form the Mayor about the difference in the contract amount and the requested amount. All were in favor. Request was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Giordano moved to table the matter. All were in favor. Matter was tabled by a voice vote.

Councillor Giordano made a motion to approve the \$200 gift from Connors & Connors, LLP for the holiday lights on the common. All were in favor. Matter was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Fowler made a motion to approve the request for the purchase of 4 plaques for outgoing Councillors. All were in favor. Matter was approved by a voice vote.

With no further items to discuss at this time Councillor Giordano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Councillor McMenimen declared meeting adjourned at 9:17p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson
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December 20, 2017