

Finance Commission Meeting

Thursday April 18, 2024 6 pm Harvey Hearing Room, Winthrop Town Hall

Attendance: Karin Chavis(KC), Shannon Poulos(SP), Joe Hanlon(JH), Hannah Belcher(HB), John DaRos(JD), Max Tassinari(MT).

Matt Gorzkowicz, Brent Farrell, William Gault, John Macero were absent.

From the Town: Sarah Johnson and Jim Letterie

Meeting called to order at 6 PM

Roll Call completed, 6 in attendance for a Quorum

Minutes of April 11, 2024 approved motion by JD second by HB 5 yes votes / 1 abstain MT

Chief Delehanty and Chief Goodwin present budgets for Police, Animal Control and Regional Dispatch

Ongoing goals are listed in Budget Book

Accomplishments also listed in Budget Book

No significant changes in any of the 3 budgets

- 1 Lt. Salary funded through grant of Health Department

Currently 3 officers at Police Academy

All overnight parking enforcement is done by reserve officer 4 nights/week

Education credits merged with Quinn Bill to make more attractive to retain officers (10% associate degree /20%bachelors/25 % MS and Law Degree.

Body cameras, 5 year contract, this is life span of camera, all WP Officers, including Chief and 2 Deputy Chiefs, are wearing.

Interesting fact, by Police standards there should be 2.5 officers per 1000 citizens (47.5 officers).

Winthrop has 35. 3a Zoning will affect Police, but to what \$\$ amount is unsure.

Chief Wiley presents budget for Fire and Emergency Management

Ongoing accomplishments are listed in Budget Book

Goals did not make print but they are NEW FIRE STATION/PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING and work with TM for town to run BLS Ambulance service.

Changes in the budgets are due to contractual obligations.

The Chief stated we are classified as an Urban Fire Dept. We have 7 FF respond to any fire when it should be 17, so we are contingent on Mutual Aid.

We are the primary responders to MWRA / DEER Island but the Mutual Aid is negligible.

The Chief sated that Turn out Gear will need to be soon addressed.

Ladder Truck is 20 years old, life span is 25 years, cost to replace \$1.6 million. Needs 4 years after order is placed.

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Next meeting is Wednesday April 24, 2024

Motion by HB second by JD to adjourn at 7:45 pm