

Town of Merrimac
Finance Committee Meeting
MARCH 15, 2018

I. Call to Order

1. Roll Call: PRESENT BERUBE, ARCHIBALD, CROWELL, HAMEL, ZOSACK, MCLEOD

II. Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as amended, Christine first, James second. Vote 5-0.

III. Whittier Tech Presentation

Presenting are Maureen Lynch, Superintendent, and Kara Cosmos, Business Manager.

See Attached Handout:

MCAS: In the last 10 years every person has received a High School Diploma.

Whittier has made two park benches for the new playground, machine tech is doing a plaque for a new fire truck dedication. Graphics did envelopes and business cards for the Water Department.

Right now the assessment for Merrimac will be \$991,730, Capital \$25,311.

The State calculation is \$756,831, which is 62% of the assessment.

END 7:43PM

IV. Veterans

Presenting is Kevin Hunt.

Veterans are asking for a Reserve Fund Transfer, the result of an unanticipated amount of new Veterans.

END 7:54

Motion to approve Reserve Fund Transfer \$17,800 for extraordinary expenses for Veterans Services.
Ann first, Marcia second. Vote 5-0.

Motion to approve amended Veterans budget with an increase of \$33,570.
Christine first, Ann second. Vote 5-0.

V. Omnibus

Motion to approve Public Education in its entirety, lines 56-60.
Christine first, Paula second. Vote 5-0.

Motion to approve the budget as amended to Fire Department Salaries decrease \$16,036 to \$330,739 and Fire Department Expense decrease \$7,100 to \$85,911.
Marcia first, James second. Vote 5-0.

Motion to approve the budget as amended to Ambulance Salaries decrease \$160,300 to \$122,470.
Marcia first, Ann second. Vote 5-0.

Motion to approve the Council on Aging Salaries of \$224,143 and Expenses.
Marcia second. Ann second. Vote 5-0.

VI. Special Articles

Article 1:

Motion to approve items A, B, D, E with No Changes

Ann first, Christine second. Vote 5-0.

Motion to approve item C

James first, Marcia second. Vote 0-5.

Motion to approve F with increase of \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Christine first, James second. Vote 5-0.

Motion to approve G with increase of \$50,000 to 102,494.

James first, Marcia Second. Vote 5-0.

Article 2:

Motion to approve with no changes.

Christine first, Ann second. Vote 5-0.

Article 3:

Motion to approve with no changes.

Ann first, Christine second. Vote 5-0.

Article 4:

Motion to approve with no changes.

Paula first, Christine second. Vote 5-0.

Article 5:

Motion to approve with no changes.

Ann first, James second. Vote 5-0.

Article 6:

Motion to approve with no changes.

Christine first, Marcia second. Vote 0-5.

VII. Annual Articles

Motion to approve Articles 2, 3 and 4 in its entirety.

Paula first, Christine second. Vote 4-0.

Motion to approve Article 5 in its entirety.

Ann first, Marcia Second. Vote 4-0-1. Paula abstain.

Motion to approve Articles 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 13 in its entirety.

Christine first, Paula second. Vote 5-0.

Motion to approve Articles 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 in its entirety.

James first, Paula second. Vote 5-0.

Motion to approve Article 28 (Open space, \$10,000 to purchase land with the Green Belt Association on Battis Road).

Paula first, Marcia second. Vote 5-0.

Ann first, Christine second. Vote 5-0 to adjourn 9:13PM