

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2016

7:00 PM – Portsmouth Middle School Auditorium, 125 Jepson Lane

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith E. Hamilton, James A. Seveney, Kevin M. Aguiar,  
David M. Gleason, Elizabeth A. Pedro and Joseph W. Robicheau  
Members Absent: Michael A. Buddemeyer

Also Present: Terri-Denise Cortvriend, Emily A. Copeland, Andrew V. Kelly,  
Frederick Faerber, III, Allen J. Shers, Thomas R. Vadney and  
John Wojichowski

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A moment of silence for our men and women around the world in harm's way.

**SITTING AS THE PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

**BUDGET HEARING**

**Expenditures: Summary**

Town Council	\$ 18,066	No questions.
Town Admin	256,624	No questions.
Town Clerk	412,965	No questions.
Canvassing	219,539	No questions.
Finance	2,586,624	No questions.
Tax	624,115	No questions.
Technology	85,000	No questions.
Legal	400,000	

- Mr. Hamilton responded to School Committee Member Tom Vadney, that the legal budget is large because of possible litigation issues that we may have and renewal of contracts.
- Responding to School Committee Member Andrew Kelly, Mr. Hamilton said that Deputy Finance Director Fung Chan will look up and post on the Town's website the amount of money paid out in legal expenses.
- Responding to Larry Fitzmorris, 50 Kristen Court, Mr. Seveney stated that there have been four cases in court this year and only one was major.
- Town Administrator Richard Rainer responded that from July to December 2015 \$78,000 was paid out in legal expenses.

Police	5,383,837	No questions.
PI Special Svc	102,502	No questions.
Animal Control	130,064	No questions.
Harbormaster	110,000	No questions.
Fire	5,820,791	

- Mr. Hamilton responded to Mr. Fitzmorris that the largest increase is the Town bringing back a full time Fire Marshal.
- Mr. Rainer added that this represents a more realistic view of holiday pay and over time.

Public Works	2,442,613	No questions.
PW: Snow/Road	925,355	No questions.
Building Insp	286,260	No questions.
Planning	325,995	No questions.

- Mr. Hamilton responded to Mr. Fitzmorris regarding a review of the AIPC and withholding of the funding, that a full report on the AIPC will be presented Monday night.

Planning Board	30,205	No questions.
Economic Dev	28,500	No questions.
Rec/Beach	105,546	No questions.
Glen Park	6,500	No questions.
Melville Park	11,500	No questions.
Civic Support	593,500	No questions.
PIVFD	148,800	No questions.
Debt Service	2,396,732	No questions.
Transfer to WTG	250,000	

- Mr. Hamilton responded to School Committee Member Emily Copeland that the wind turbine generator will start producing electricity about a month after they put it up.
- Mr. Crosby responded the goal is mid-July.

Contingency	300,000	No questions.
OPEB	250,000	No questions.
Fund Balance	84,045	No questions.

School: Local        31,599,566

- Mr. Fitzmorris commented that the School Department's budget is hard to find on the website and has very little data.

School: State Aid    4,733,705    No questions.

**Enterprise Funds:**

Transfer Station     \$ 707,146    No questions.  
Glen Manor House    \$ 550,000

- Ms. Pedro questioned the numbers. Ms. Fung will investigate and report back at the June 13th Council meeting.

Wind Turbine        \$ 250,000    No questions.

- Mr. Hamilton stated that there are two tax rates, property tax (\$15.80 is being increased to \$16.00 flat) and motor vehicles tax (\$22.50 is not being increased).
- Mr. Fitzmorris stated that the rate of increase in budget is high due to a decline in debt services and an increase in total state funding. This could put us in crisis in a few years.
- Mr. Fitzmorris stated that OPEB employee numbers from 2013 to 2015 are increasing from 101 to 109, and adding two positions on the town side in 2016.
- In response to Mr. Fitzmorris, Mr. Hamilton stated that the Town is in discussion regarding sending money to Bristol to help maintain the pier.

**General Revenues**    \$60,668,949    No questions

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

June 13            7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting:            BUDGET ADOPTION  
PUBLIC HEARING – Request to Transfer Class BV Beverage License from C.A.C. Property Manager LLC, d/b/a The Newport Beach Club, to TNBC Beach Club, LLC  
PUBLIC HEARING – Request to Transfer Class BV Beverage License from Tiverton Management. Corp., d/b/a Tremblay's Ultimate Bar & Grill to Tremblay's Bar & Grill Inc.  
PUBLIC HEARING - Request for a Permanent Expansion of the Service Area for the Seaconnet Sportsman's Club

June 20 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting: PUBLIC HEARING – Request for Sound  
Variance of the Portsmouth Noise Ordinance

June 27 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Robicheau, to adjourn. All voted in favor of the motion.

ADJOURN

Time: 7:55 PM

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Joanne M. Mower, Town Clerk