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BOARD OF FINANCE
8:00 PM May 14, 2009
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

Present: Chairman O'Brien, members Bob Atkinson, Patty Kopas, Melissa Koller and Michael Carter. Also present Tom Landry Town Administrator, Selectman Gayle Weinstein, Rick Darling Finance Director and Donna Anastasia Secretary. Denise Qualey, Lois Pernice and Michael Ferguson representing Kids in Crisis.
Unable to attend: Jerry Sargent and David Muller.

Chairman O'Brien called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

Discussion/decision regarding requested supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$68,611 for continuation of the Kids in Crisis program for 2009-2010- Michael Ferguson and Denise Qualey, Kids in Crisis.

Ms. Qualey gave an overview of the Kids in Crisis program planned for the High School and Middle School. The program which has been in place for one year consisted of a full time crisis counselor at the Weston High School, Bonnie Rumilly respectively. The program being offered for the upcoming year is to have a counselor in place two days at the High School and three days at the Middle School. Ms. Rumilly has resigned this position so a new counselor will have to be retained.

An estimated 98 students were seen by Ms. Rumilly for the current school year.

There was some discussion regarding the changes of the program from the High School to the two schools and the procedure to secure a new counselor.

The Kids in Crisis program is designed as an intervention program and refers students and/or parents of students to specific outside agencies i.e. hospitals, professionals.

Several members of the board are interested in a year end assessment of how well the program is doing.

Motion: Mr. Carter made a motion to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$68,611. for the continuation of the Kids in Crisis program for FY 2009-2010; Ms. Koller seconded. O'Brien, Carter, Koller, Atkinson in favor Kopas opposed.

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Discussion/decision regarding engagement of the audit firm McGladrey and Pullen for the 2008-09 and 2009-2010 audit years at a fee of \$47,000.- Rick Darling, Finance Director

Mr. Darling went over the costs and multi-year option for the McGladrey & Pullen firm that currently prepares the audit for the Town. The proposed fee for annual audit services is \$47,000. per year for two years and a 3% increase for the third year. This would extend to a six year service contract with McGladrey & Pullen. Mr. Darling commented on the excellent job the firm has done and recommended another review at year eight.

Motion: Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the engagement of audit firm McGladrey & Pullen for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 audit years for a fee of \$47,000.00 per year, Ms. Koller seconded. With all in favor motion carries unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2009. Donna Anastasia, Town Clerk.

Chairman O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes of April 23rd, 2009 as amended, Ms. Kopas seconded, motion carries.

Any other items of business to be brought up for Board consideration

Mr. Landry Town Administrator went over the current supplemental appropriations list. (See Supplemental Appropriations 2008-2009 attached) Paying for certain items from this year's budget or out of the next budget was discussed.

With no further items to be brought before the board Chairman O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM, Mr. Atkinson seconded. Meeting adjourned at **9:15 PM**.

Respectfully submitted
Donna M. Anastasia, Secretary