

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by the Chairperson – Amy Kelly

Present: Amy Kelly, Barry Chipman, Bill Degnan, Tara Welinsky, Town Administrator Karen Pinch, Jen Christensen, Assistant Finance Director.

- 01 Approval of the minutes of February 1, 2016 (V)**
MOTION: B. Degnan seconded by B. Chipman to approve the minutes of February 1, 2016 as written.
VOTED: Unanimous.

Correspondence: None.

Business:

- 01 Consideration of Community Services budget requests.(V)**

Southern RI Volunteers/Changing Lives FY 2017 Request \$1,000

Deb Tanner, the agency's Executive Director, provided testimony for the financial needs of the agency. Specifically, the requested fy17 increase of \$500 will fund the rising cost of volunteer insurance coverage and car mileage allowance.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors FY2017 Request \$1,000

Board of Directors members Tina Lundgren and Mary Gail Smith testified on behalf of the agency's request. Have not made requests to Richmond in the past, but as the need for assistance increases, they are reaching out to surrounding communities for assistance. There is an overall increase in all costs associated with providing the agency's activities. Currently, funds come from grants, fund raising and private donations. This is the first time the agency has requested funding from Richmond.

Community Education Foundation FY2017 Request \$2,000

Christopher Phillips testified on behalf of the foundation. This is the first time that funding has been requested. The goal is to accelerate contributions to the endowment so that it may become self-sustaining in 5-7 years. Endowment currently stands at \$630 thousand and goal is \$1.4 million in about 5 years.

The board had a general discussion on amounts for the community services requests. A final vote will be taken at a subsequent meeting.

- 02 Review/Discussion of FY2017 Town Budget Requests

Richmond Police Department

Operating Request \$157,810

Personnel Not finalized due to ongoing union contract negotiations

The fy17 operating budget calls for a net of zero increase from fy16 amended. The actual request is a .9% decrease.

Discussion about the coming contract talks with the police department. Any outcomes will affect the fy2017 department budget request. Too early to know the impact as negotiations have just started.

Capital expenditures request for funding of \$60,000 one and one-half cruisers. When combined with carry forward from prior years, this will provide funding for 2 new cruisers in fy17.

Capital budget request of \$12,000 is also made for the renovation of prisoner detention cells.

03 **Continued Review/Discussion of Capital Improvement outlays**

None

Other Business None

Public Forum None

Adjourn Motion by Barry Chipman, seconded by Tara Welinsky to adjourn at 9:15 P.M.

Voted: Unanimous