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Jacqueline Shanley

From: decas.murray.decas@verizon.net
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 12:55 PM
To: Robert G. Nunes; Jacqueline Shanley
Subject: outside counsel billing

June 10, 2016

Town Accountant
Middleboro Town Offices
20 Centre Street
Middleboro, MA 02346

RE: Law Department Budget – Fiscal Year 2016

To The Accountant:

Enclosed please find invoice from Collins, Loughran & Peloquin, P.C. dated 6/6/16 in the amount of \$1,793.75 for service rendered from May 1 to May 31, 2016.

Please process for payment directly to Collins, Loughran & Peloquin, P.C. Payment to be made from “Special Counsel” part of the Law Department Budget.

Very truly yours,

Daniel F. Murray

Town Counsel

DFM/s

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Enclosure

cc: Robert G. Nunes, Town Manager (*via email*)

Board of Selectmen (*via email*)

The Trustees of the Middleborough Public Library met on May 9, 2016. In attendance were Eleanor Osborne, Keith Macdonald, George Davey, James Okolita, Chasity Armstrong-Menard, Maryanna Abren, and Library Director Jason Bloom.

Chairman Okolita called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Minutes from April 11th were accepted as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted, subject to audit.

Terms for Trustees Macdonald, Osborne, and Pratt are expiring. Both Keith and Ellie indicated their willingness to continue as Trustees. Jim will notify Ted, and check also on his willingness to serve as Treasurer again.

Jason has checked with the Town Hall, and was told that it is permissible to move money from one account to another within the budget.

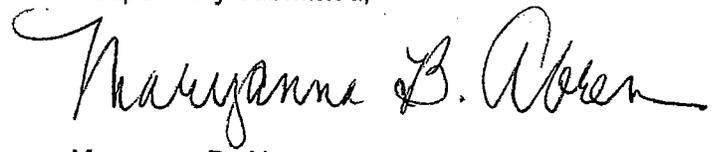
From the Director's Report come the following:

- Security cases have been purchased for YA games and media. These new cases will eliminate the need for PODs, which had an annual service fee contract of nearly \$2000.
- These cases should help to counteract theft, as well as making circulation more efficient. They will also help if the Library moves into RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) tagging for items.
- Going with Reflections, the window cleaning company, was a big cost saver, and they will be here this week.
- De-accessioning many old Reference sets in the Children's Room has freed up many shelves.
- New volunteers (some from the COA Senior Tax Work-Off Program) have been very helpful, although training remains an issue.
- The Friends have okayed, and will cover the cost of, a \$12K bid from Gilson for wallpaper removal and painting. This should happen in three stages over the summer.
- Silvia Trustees are moving forward with new project funding for complete website redesign.
- Mike Paduch came as part of the Friends Speaker Series. His talk on Small Space Gardening was well received.
- Clutter Control with Dave Downs was very well attended – with nearly 75 in attendance.
- Larry Dapsis will be here on May 11th for "Deer Ticks: One Bite Can Change Your Life."

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maryanna B. Abren". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Maryanna B. Abren

Handouts

Agenda

Minutes from 4/11/16

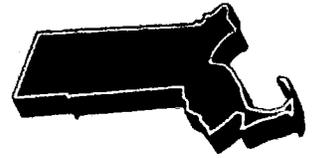
Balances as of 4/1/16

Expenditures as of 5/1/16

Director's Report



MASSACHUSETTS FISCAL ALLIANCE



June 8, 2016

Dear Selectman Stewart,

After listening to the Senate and the House debate the 2017 budget, we at MassFiscal thought you might share our interest in some of the discussions.

In the House, Minority Leader Brad Jones and a number of other legislators proposed an amendment (#427) that would send half of any excess revenues to cities and towns. Three Democrats (Rep. James Dwyer, Rep. Colleen Garry, Rep. Thomas Stanley) joined the entire Republican caucus in voting in favor of the amendment; but unfortunately the amendment failed to pass. A similar measure in the Senate (amendment #118,) offered by Senator Bruce Tarr and others, also failed on a party line vote.

We think these amendments provided a great revenue sharing device, and were dismayed to watch them receive such a partisan response. Local aid shouldn't be a Democrats versus Republican issue. The services provided by municipalities, as you know, are crucial to the quality of life for Massachusetts families.

If you'd like more information on the 2017 budget and other Beacon Hill votes, visit our legislative scorecard at www.MassFiscalScorecard.org.

On behalf of the members of The Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, thanks so much for all the work you do for your community.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Craney
Executive Director
Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance

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Town of Middleborough

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

CC: Citizens Environmental Health Impact Committee (CEHIC)

FROM: Patricia J. Cassady, Conservation Agent 

DATE: June 14, 2016

RE: CEHIC

On behalf of the Conservation Commission I am writing this memo in support of keeping the CEHIC in place as a Committee because they believe they are still relevant in the protection to the environment and the health of the residents of Middleborough.

The following are some of the reasons why the Committee still has important work to do:

- 1) The Rockland Industries contaminated site was one of the first reasons why the Committee was created. This site at 255 Plymouth Street is still a site of concern as there is still contamination there that is being monitored.
- 2) There are properties along Cambridge Street in the center of town that are still of concern and could be considered brownfield sites. Some of these properties were also directly connected with the Rockland Industries site.
- 3) Continue research on the Star Pond area off Sumner Street and the Field of Dreams off East Grove Street (the site of the former Shaw Varnish Works).
- 4) There are also sites in town that continue to be monitored such as the State Police Barracks on Route 28 and the closed Cumberland Farms Gas Station site on Center Street. There also may be other sites in the future that will need to be monitored.

In closing, it is still vitally important that this citizen group remain active so that the residents of Middleborough know there is a watchdog on their side to protect them.

Thank you

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