

CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE

Budget & Finance Committee

Friday, April 9, 2010 – 4:30 p.m.

1st Fl. Council Room – City Hall

Present: Chair, Steven Curcuru; Vice Chair, Paul McGeary; Councilor Jacqueline Hardy

Absent: None

Also Present: Councilor Mulcahey; Max Schenk; Joan Whitney

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. *Board of Health: Substance Abuse Grant*

Joan Whitney for the Gloucester Health Department explained to the Committee how the program came about, and that this is for the prevention of abuse of prescription drugs and that Gloucester is working to be on the cutting edge of prevention with key community partners. The program has been a model for others in the State. (see Special City Council Minutes of 04/09/10 on file).

Mr. Schenk stated the program was started two years ago and hasn't been funded for the last year and would like to expand the program and make it an even more successful program not just for removing access but for the environmental side to protect water supply and food resource areas as the drugs aren't removed from current waste water systems during processing. He lauded Ms. Whitney for her efforts with this program and putting together a broad based collaborative effort.

Ms. Whitney stated that Mr. Schenk has been a great partner in their efforts.

Councilor Hardy asked if there was a match.

Mr. Schenk stated there was not.

Councilor Hardy thanked Mr. Schenk and Ms. Whitney for their quick action and hard work on this effort.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Hardy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to allow the Health Department to pursue the Health Resources in Action (HRiA) Proper Storage and Disposal of Prescription Drugs Initiative Grant for \$9,000.00.

2. Other Business

None.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgenson

Clerk of Committees