

Town of Ayer

Finance Committee

Ayer Massachusetts, 01432



Location: Ayer Town Hall, Meeting Room
Finance Committee Minutes

Friday October 7, 2011

Present: Brian Muldoon; Chairman, Scott Houde; Vice Chairman, John Kilcommins; Clerk, Michael Pattenden; member
Absent: Jesse Reich; member

In attendance: Robert Pontbriand; Town Administrator, Pauline Conley; Ayer BOS, Janet Lewis; Town Secretary, Gary Luca; Ayer BOS, Jim Fay; Ayer BOS, Frank Maxant; Ayer BOS, Dan Nason; DPW Superintendent, Ayer Residents
Absent: Carolyn McCreary; Ayer BOS

Called to order at 7:30 am by Brian Muldoon

- Review of the 9 articles for the Special Fall Town Meeting Warrant to be held on October 24th, 2011. Copy attached
- Article 1: School Department. Amendment to Section XV, Subsection B of the Regional School Agreement
 - Review of Article 1.
 - Approved by RSC as written
- Article 2: School Department. Amendment to Section VI, Subsection C.1.c of Regional School Agreement
 - Review of Article 2.
 - Approved as written by RSC
- Article 3: Community Preservation Act
 - Review of Article 3.
- Article 4: Community Preservation Act
 - Review of Article 4.
 - Approved by CPC as written.
 - PC-Concerned that the language in line one, 'vote to rescind' will cause confusion at town meeting.
 - BM-Suggested language be changed to 'amend'.
- Article 5: Stabilization Fund
 - Review of Article 5.
 - This article will be passed over in the event that Article 4 passes.
- Article 6: Media Filter Replacement-Spectacle Pond
 - Review of Article 6.
 - Funding of this article is from the Water Enterprise fund.
 - DN-Explained that the purpose of this funding is to replace aquifer gravel originally installed in 1985
 - PC-Recommended a two sentence explanation be included in the article prior to town meeting
- Article 7: Street Acceptance.
 - Review of Article 7.
 - DN-Explained that other streets located in this area are part of a condominium association and as such were not proposed for acceptance.
 - PC-Recommended that the article be amended to include the fact that these five streets have planning board approval

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- Article 8: Grant of Permanent Easement to Bonnet Realty, LLC
 - Review of Article 8.
 - PC- Suggested that BOS be prepared to explain the phrase ‘such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may determine’ at town meeting.
 - DN - This is for ADA compliance for a handicapped access.
 - DN-In response to an Ayer resident’s question confirmed that the proposed easement would still allow for snow removal
 - JF-Recommended that the article be amended to indicate that it has planning board approval

- Article 9: Sex Offender Residency By-Law
 - Review of Article 9.
 - Section 2, Definition 7 was reviewed in response to an Ayer resident’s question
 - RP-addressed Definition 9 ‘School Bus Stop’. Per town counsel private camps should register with the school department.
 - PC-Asked why a private camp would register with the regional school district. Private camps should be registering their bus stops with the town.
 - FM-Proposed that both the September and October versions of Article 9 be voted on at town meeting. The second draft is ‘over reaching’ and can be assailed as such. The first version of the article can then serve as a fallback position.
 - GL-Having two versions of the same Article will only confuse the situation. Given that the language used in the second version has already passed through the Attorney General’s office (via Shirley) that is the only version that should appear on the warrant.
 - JF-Agreed with GL. Only the second version should be included for vote
 - Dave Bodurtha: Does this include all the conservation land in town? According the article yes.
 RP - A new revised map will be available on the town Website on 10/14 that will correspond to the article as written for the fall town meeting.
 - MP - Section #8 (b) change "violated a" to "violated this".
 - Dave Bodurtha: Should this article have a sponsor list?
 - RP - Yes, it will be added.

- Proposed Article 10: Authorization to Sell the Fire Station
 - Selectman Conley proposed that a tenth article be added to the warrant
 - The warrant would authorize the town to sell the fire station if the opportunity presented itself.
 - Under the warrant the BOS would be able to, but not obliged to, sell the station.
 - JF –Agrees with the idea however suggest the BOS wait until the final engineering reports are in. There is concern that the title search will reveal issues with the property lines.
 - The motion was not seconded.

- GL - Update the date on the first page to October 24th, 2011.
- FM - Town clerks name is spelled incorrectly.

- Motion to approve the proposed nine articles for the 2011 Special Fall Town Meeting Warrant as reviewed.

Motion	SH
Second	MP
B. Muldoon	Aye
J. Reich	Absent
S. Houde	Aye
J. Kilcommins	Aye
M. Pattenden	Aye
Vote	4 – 0

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- o Motion to adjourn at 8:30 am

Motion	SH
Second	MP
B. Muldoon	Aye
J. Reich	Absent
S. Houde	Aye
J. Kilcommins	Aye
M. Pattenden	Aye
Vote	4 – 0

Brian Muldoon, Chairman _____ Date _____

Scott Houde, Vice Chairman _____ Date _____

John Kilcommins, Clerk _____ Date _____

Jesse Reich, member _____ Date _____

Michael Pattenden, member _____ Date _____