

Finance Committee Minutes

Town of Bellingham – Municipal Center

Monday, February 26, 2008

1. Present: Raymond Szczepan, Carol Dill, Henri Masson, Joseph Collamati, Roland Lavallee, Gary Maynard, Toni Picariello

2. Absent: N/A

3. Meeting called to order: 7:15 pm

4. Meet with Marilyn Mathieu re: budgets.

Marilyn Mathieu gave out the budget books. It does not include the School or Blackstone Valley budgets. The budgets have been presented to us in a new “easier to read” format. She let us know that there is no additional money available.

- The town budget was prepared as if the state level funded revenues coming to the town.
- Last year we used free cash, stabilization fund, ambulance received, etc. to balance the budget.
- The budget includes no additional personnel.
- All of the town contracts are expiring, but the salaries have all been level funded, except for step increases. When the contracts are negotiated and settled, then the salary budgets will be funded retroactively at a future town meeting.
- The increases in the budget are for debt and health insurance.

The fire department wants 6 additional firefighters. The fire department will not request the ambulance at this town meeting.

The FinCom members will let Toni Picariello know what budgets they would like to hear.

Marilyn Mathieu will print a report of the ambulance receipts for FY2007 and FY2008 to date.

The FinCom and CIC will hold a joint meeting on March 10, 2008 to speak to the DPW regarding the Lake Street Culvert, the two “problem” dams and the budget.¹

5. **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

A. Accept Minutes for January 28, 2008.

¹ The DPW requested that he meet with the Committees after the March 18th Road Improvement Committee. We will reschedule the March 10th meeting to Monday, March 24, 2008.

Roland Lavallee/Raymond Szczepan motion to accept the January 28, 2008 minutes. VOTE: 7/0.

Adjourned: ***Roland Lavallee/Raymond Szczepan motion to adjourn. VOTE: 6/0. 8:05 pm.***

(Accepted March 24, 2008)