

Pursuant to a call to order and notice duly given in the manner required by law and the By-Laws of the Town of Dartmouth, a meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Dartmouth Town Hall, Room 315.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Friedman, Gregory Lynam, , Francis Pettengill, Patrick Roth, David Ferreira, Melissa Haskell and Tenney Lantz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephen Mitchell, Shannon Jenkins

PRESENT BY INVITATION OF THE COMMITTEE: Edward Iacoponi

MINUTES: On a motion by Gregory Lynam, seconded by David Ferreira, the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2009 were approved unanimously.

SCHEDULE A: Chairman Friedman indicated that there are likely to be some small line item changes sought at the fall Town Meeting. These changes are related to impact bargaining by the Library Trustee and other departments.

ARTICLE 2, SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT: Mr. Iacoponi noted that the wording of the Special Town Meeting warrant article related to the Quinn windows is dictated by the MA SBA. He stated also that the money to be received from the state is formula driven, it appears. The full amount needs to be authorized but when bids are received, the state will pay for not more than 47.64% of the accepted bid amount. A motion was made by Gregory Lynam to recommend the warrant article. The motion was seconded by Francis Pettengill, and it carried unanimously.

STATEMENTS AT TOWN MEETING: Chairman Friedman asked if anyone on the Committee had changes to the speeches that he and Vice Chair Lynam will be making at Town Meeting. Mr. Roth noted that there was a lot of detail in Mr Lynam's presentation and that he should go slowly in his delivery. No other comments were made.

RESERVE FUND TRANSFER: Re. the request for transfer from the Reserve Fund dated May 28, 2009, Mr. Iacoponi explained that the \$1,768.67 requested represents the amount that he was unable to fund toward the Town Administrator settlement from leftovers in salary accounts. A motion was made by David Ferreira and seconded by Patrick Roth to approve the transfer as stated. The motion carried unanimously.

CLERK OF COMMITTEE: Chairman Friedman stated that he had sought volunteers for the clerk position, and had received two responses. Stephen Mitchell was the first to respond, indicating his willingness to accept the position. Tenney Lantz also volunteered. A motion was made by Francis Pettengill and seconded by Gregory Lynam

to appoint Stephen Mitchell Clerk and Tenney Lantz Assistant Clerk. The motion passed unanimously.

**THANK YOU TO RETIRING MEMBERS:** Chairman Friedman thanked Melissa Haskell and Francis Pettengill for their worthy service to the town on the Finance Committee. All other Committee members agreed with this sentiment. Both will be retiring from the Committee following Town Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by David Ferreira, seconded by Patrick Roth, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenney Lantz, Assistant Clerk