



# TOWN OF DARTMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS

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**Peter Friedman**, Chairman  
**Greg Lynam**, Vice-Chairman

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 14, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Dartmouth Town Hall, Select Board Meeting Room.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gregory Lynam, , Peter Friedman, Francis Pettengill, Shannon Jenkins, Patrick Roth, Tenney Lantz, Stephen Mitchell, David Ferreira

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Melissa Haskell,

## FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

Dr. Russell presented budget number for a full day kindergarten program. If tuition charged, no state reimbursement. If it is not, will get reimbursement from state through Foundation budget (+ 45 .5 students); will result in increase in MNSS. Costs primarily due to changing 3 half time teachers to full time.

Ferreira moves, Lantz seconds approval of article 22 (8-0).

Recommendation: article financially neutral to town; will allow schools to use fees generated in program to support a program that has educational benefits.

## POLICE ARTICLES (20, 21)

Article 20: No laws prohibiting public consumption of marijuana; this would remedy this. Based on district attorney and police chief recommendations. Lantz moves approval, Ferreira seconds (9-0)

Article 21: Increases school bus violation fine. Lantz moves approval, Haskell seconds (9-0)

Article 23: Increases fine from \$20 to \$200, Lantz moves, Haskell seconds (Approved 7-2 [Friedman, Lynam]).

Article 24: Increases fine for removing or defacing a public sign. \$150 fine is cost for replacing sign – quote from DPW. Haskell moves, Lantz moves (9-0).

Article 25: Increases fine for littering. Haskell moves, Mitchell seconds (8-1 [Lynam])

## DISCUSSION OF GRANTS DEPARTMENT LINE ITEM

SB is having discussion about grants department. Lynam moves to reduce professional salary line item by 15% (to \$60, 302. 15), Lantz seconds (7-2 [Roth, Jenkins])

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Article 7 STM: Jenkins moves, Ferreira seconds (9-0)

Article 10 STM: Will move 415,110 from Stab Fund to Other Finances Sources. Will fill already appropriated line items. Operating reserve fund is safety net. Moving 500K that was placed in Stab Fund in FTM to cover any potential shortfalls along with covering Renewable Energy Investment and Wellness Center Building CIP. Mitchell moves, Roth seconds as amended [from 250 to 415K] (9-0)

## TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Article 10 (Schedule A): as amended (above reduction in Grants), Lynam moves approval as amended to \$67,314,687, Lantz seconds (9-0)

Article 8 (CIP): Ferreira moves approval as amended, Haskell seconds (9-0)

**MOTION**

Haskell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Haskell seconded the motion. (9-0-0)

Meeting adjourned 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Jenkins  
*Clerk*