



# TOWN OF DARTMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS

Finance Committee  
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**Stephen Mitchell**, Clerk

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 April 22nd, 2010 at 6:30P.M. at the Dartmouth Town Hall, Room 315.

Members Present: Peter Friedman(pf), Greg Lynam(gl), Shannon Jenkins(sj), Patrick Roth(pr), Barry Walker(bw), Mary Louise Nunes(mln)  
Members Absent: Stephen Mitchell, David Ferreira; Jason Wentworth,

Pledge of Allegiance / Agenda Overview

## CPC Recommendations:

Buddy Baker-Smith; There are \$1.2mm in recommendations for this round of funding.

### Paskamansett Park Improvements and Expansion

GL: Who will maintain the park?

M O'reilly: The Park Department does in return for the use of the building.

BW: What are the accepted uses of the land to be acquired?

MO'reilly: The land is non-buildable.

### Dartmouth Community Park

PF: What were the CPC votes on the proposals?

B Baker-Smith: All were unanimous except the Dartmouth street community park at 5-4. Cpc grappled with non-allowed school use statute resulting in 10% reduction of recommendation.

GL: Should phase 1 be switched to phase 2 and vice versa?

D Cressman: We need to do infrastructure first to qualify and apply for grant funding.

MLN: Will site be secure in the meantime?

T Lancaster: Yes, it will be fenced in.

PR: \$143m for parking lot, handicap access?

T Lan: We are encouraging access through the back of library parking lot.

SJ: Who will pick up the 10% of funding denied because of school usage?

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DCress: We will figure that out in about one week.

PF: After Phase 1, what will the grant request be?

TLan: \$350m

### Conservation Restriction, Dominican Sisters Property

GL: Status of property on tax roles?

Collective answer: unknown

PF: Current zoning?

Dexter Mead: Property to be protected is 9 acres with farmhouse and will be protected from being subdivided into 7? houseslots

BW: Address of farmhouse to look up tax status?

DMead: 858 Tucker Rd

PR: Is lot large enough for state agricultural restriction?

DMead: No.

### Gulf Hill Dairy Preservation

SJ: Will 2<sup>nd</sup> floor be structurally restored only?

Derek Heime: Yes but we have future plans for a wellness center up there.

PF: Allocation of cost, structural vs historic restoration?

DHeime: \$50m structural

MLN: Ongoing maintenance plan?

DHeime: We will have one in place.

### Stone Barn Farm

SJ: How confident are you that this funding is enough to complete the project?

BB-Smith: Last year, CPC funded an architectural plan.

Gina Purtell: There is a contingency built in to the proposal. We are hoping to turn money back.

GL: How will this benefit the public?

GPurtell: Property open dawn to dusk. When buildings are finished, they will house youth programs that are currently weather dependant. There will also be a public restroom for the trail system.

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Town Records Preservation

Lynn Medeiros: Proposal will preserve original records dating back to 1770 and make digitized copies for public use at library.

TM warrant Article C

SJ: Is this CPA bookkeeping?

BB-Smith: Yes, followed by CPA 10% minimum reserve allocation explanation.

PR: Will any of this funding round be bonded?

BB-S: No.

RFT- clerk \$11,723.87

Lynn Medeiros: We are reducing the request to \$3,149.25 for Munis program, will see how it works and then analyze cost benefit of other Munis modules.

PF: MOTION to transfer \$3,149.25

MLN: second

Motion carries 5-0

TM Warrant Article H

LynnM: Cola increases to other employees justifies raise.

GL: As an elected position, Clerk pay can only be increased by Town Meeting. In 2006 pay was \$59m, 2007 saw an increase to \$62m, No increases since.

BW: Are you worried that compensation for this elected position will entice other candidates?

LynnM: laughter

TM Warrant Article A

GarySoares: Article result of policy from Select Board and geared for safety on Black Friday(day after Thanksgiving).

PF: A by-law covering 365 days to address just one?

MLN: Will it stop people from lining up?

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TimLee: No, my recommendation would be -- businesses that want to open between midnight and 4am are required to appear for a review to determine the need for a police detail.

### Article Z

GL: How do we address future water needs?

DaveHickox: Keep looking for well opportunities.

MLN: Bond proceed explanation?

MannyBranco: Tie-in and siting is good for this article.

SJ: Status of current sewer system?

DHickox: Relatively new with the older sections being Bliss Corner and Padanaram.

BW: Reference to Master Plan and sewer extensions.

DHickox: Plans include only extending to existing problem neighborhoods.

### Article S

### Article V

DonaldPerry: Article makes parking regs for waterfront district consistent with Padanaram Business District

Long discussion ensued explaining the overlapping of the three Padanaram districts.

### Article Y

Building height restriction increase for light industrial zone.

SJ: What is the negative impact of delaying this article?

DonPerry: One year.

BW: Will there be problems with required parking spaces if an extra story is allowed in this district?

DPerry: The light industrial zone should be adjusted so that this height is not allowed throughout the current zone in its entirety.

SJ: This article could cause problems outside of where we want to contain taller buildings.

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BW: Should we adjust the zoning first before allowing taller buildings.

SJ: I agree with Barry again.

PR: Does appeal process allow this now?

DPerry: Appeals variances require extreme hardship.

Charter Commission Appointments

PF: Nominates BW

BW: I accept

SJ: We need one more person that does not have to be a fincom member.

PR returns to Fincom meeting from the Ag Pres. Trust Council meeting.

PR: APTC finds requirements of Dominican Sisters conservation restriction not met, specifically a detailed plan and agricultural restriction. Tables request to fund their share of CR purchase.

PF: MOTION to Adjourn

GL: second

Motion carries unanimously

Respectfully submitted,  
Assistant to the Assistant Clerk  
Barry Walker