

# TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

## FINANCE COMMITTEE



### Minutes of the Meeting for <Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012> at the BPW Building, Arsene St., Fairhaven, MA

Members in attendance: Chairman- John Roderiques, Pat Elliott, Kim Hyland, Therese Szala, Kathi Carter, Scott Fernandes, Ron Quintin, Sid Martin, and Ted Silva.  
Not present- Lisa Plante, Jennifer Bishop. This meeting was televised.

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Roderiques at 7:05 P.M. and announced that the proceeding was being video/audio taped by government access.

Minutes of prior meeting 2/2/12 were reviewed, motion to accept Kim/Sid unan. 8-0 (Scott not in)

A FinCom bill for "copy paper" was presented in amount of \$115.00 Motion to pay this bill by Terry/Kim. Vote unan 8-0 (Scott not in)

Chair discussed issue of level funded and level service, explaining that level service requires more money.

Police Chief Myers reviewed his entire budget and advised that \$90,628 of the salary account was the state's share of the Quinn Bill. This amount will actually be deducted from the town's appropriation. Chief was in agreement.

ConCom requested a reserve fund transfer in amount of \$450. for advertising. Motion to approve by Kim/Sid. Vote unan 8-0. Chair noted that ads get reimbursed but amount goes back into general fund Special T.M.

#### ART 1. FUNDING LABOR CONTRACTS

##### 1. Clerical Union-

a. Sal & wages- \$6700 motion to recommend Ted/Sid vote 7-1 (Kathy Opposed)

Scott in 8:10 pm bring total voting membership to 9.

##### 2. Highway Dept

a. Sal & wages highway- \$7400 motion to recommend Kim/Sid vote unan 8-0 (Scott abstain)

b. Sal & wages park dept- \$471 motion to recommend Kim/Sid vote unan 9-0

Chair called for five minute recess at 8:18 pm to 8:23 pm

##### Art. 4- Wind Turbines (to stop and suspend all construction)

Chair noted legal opinion and moderator's options. Chair then asked for individual votes and explanation if members chose to provide. Vote was 8-1 against supporting the article. Terry favored article. FinCom position was "based on opinion of town counsel" as to whether T.M. could now rescind a former vote. (copy of opinion filed with minutes)

The following articles appearing in the Annual T.M. were voted on. All votes were to recommend and unanimous unless otherwise noted.

ART 1- Measurer Scott/Kim      ART 2- Town Report Scott/Kim

ART 3- Setting Salary

A. Selectmen- 15600 Scott/Sid    C. Moderator- 800 Scott/Sid    E. Board of health- 4000 Scott/Sid

ART 6- State Aid to Highways    A. (as written) Scott/Sid    B. (as written, figures as provided by the state) Scott/Sid

ART 9- Collective Bargaining Agreements    A. through G. voted in entirety to recommend Scott/Sid

ART 11- Social Day Care    \$125000 Scott/Sid

Chair noted that next week COA and Tree Warder are scheduled in, that for Art. 17-23 (Ethics, Impeachment, Term Limits, Meeting Minutes, Elected appeals, Recall petitions & Wind Turbines) he has scheduled a hearing on those articles to allow for petitioners to appear. Chair noted that Article 20 (Public meeting minutes-48 hours) will have a cost associated to it.

Mr. Osuch stated that town council will have an opinion sent prior to March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Committee reviewed some other articles. Next week schedule COA, Tree Warden, Rec Center.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 Kim/Sid

Submitted by Ted Silva  
Secretary