Finance and Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of the Finance & Advisory Board Town of Georgetown March 25, 2008

Location – 3rd floor Meeting Room – Town Hall

Members in Attendance – Sandy Gerraughty – Chair, Jon Ayres – Vice Chair, Robin O'Malley – secretary, Mark Hall, Jim Lacey, Jack L'hommedieu, Tim Ruh, David Surface, Reggie Tardif

Guests: Steve Delaney, William Dudley, Joe Knapp (Historical comm.), Ed Desjardins (Historical comm.), Carl Shreder (Cons comm. /CPC), David Coggan (Boston Globe), Matt Vincent (selectmen), Bob Morehouse, Jeff Wade, Kelly Lombardo, Ida Wye (Historical comm./CPC), Bill Monroe (rec. path), Lonnie Brennan (selectmen), Harry LaCortiglia, Jim Dimento (CPC), Glenn Smith, Reidar Bomengen (water commissioner)

Minutes taken by Robin O'Malley
Meeting called to Order at 7:06 PM by Sandy Gerraughty

Budget Discussion:

• Water Dept.: Received their budget for FY09. They are increasing the rates effective 7/1/08. They will be a \$40 per quarter administrative charge plus \$3.95 for 0-2500; \$4.95 for 2600 – 5000; and \$5.95 for over 5000. Did not have an exact number for retained earnings, but should be in excess of \$150,000. Is there a fund for capital purchases? There seems to be some confusion and Steve Delaney will look into for the Finance and Advisory Board. Labor costs were addressed. Is it possible to shift the scheduling so that there is less overtime needed? Glenn will try to get us a schedule of current work shifts.

Selectmen: Matt Vincent came and gave us DRAFT versions of the Standard Operating Procedures for snow and ice and for town counsel services. He asked that we review these and in a couple of weeks, give our comments to the Selectmen.

David Surface made a motion to take a 5 minute recess. Jim Lacey seconded. Vote 7-0 in favor. Recess at 8:13 p.m. Returned at 8:20 p.m.

Community Preservation Committee: Presented a Power Point presentation on the following requests. Discussed article ATM08-020.

- ◆ Article A: Community Preservation General Budget
- ♦ Article B: Historic Preservation of the Brocklebank Museum
- ♦ Article C: Historic Structures Survey
- ♦ Article D: Initial Implementation of the Historic Restoration of Harry Murch Park
- ♦ Article E: Active Recreational Land Purchase
- ♦ Article F: ADA upgrades to Camp Denison
- Article G: Recreational Path Development (Phase III)

General comments regarding CPC:

- ◆ Capital Improvement Planning Committee and Community Preservation Committee need to meet and discuss a timeline regarding projects. These 2 committees need to work together
- ♦ There is about \$1.1 million balance in the CPC account
- ♦ Is there a long range plan for the projects for the CPC? General consensus from the CPC is that they "can't" have one. They don't know what projects will be coming before them. This brought up some concern from the Finance and Advisory Board.

Minutes still to approve:

8/15/07, 1/29/08, 2/6/08, 2/12/08, 2/26/08, 2/28/08, 3/05/08, 3/13/08, 3/19/08

Our next meetings will be **Tuesday**, **04/01/08**, 7:00 pm 3rd floor meeting room and **Thursday**, **04/03/08**, 7:00 pm 2nd floor meeting room.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tim Ruh and seconded by Jim Lacey at 9:40 PM. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

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Items that were found that are not included in the 1st pass budget of 3/19/08

- Conservation Commission: need to reduce their salary by \$6,449
- MVPC assessment: increase by \$184 for a total of \$2,500
 Veteran's services needs to be increased by \$15,000 to a total of \$45,000.