



Finance & Advisory Board Meeting
Georgetown, MA
October 22, 2008
Minutes

The meeting came to order at 7:06 P.M. with the following persons present:

Members: Robin O'Malley, - Chair, Jon Ayres – Vice Chair, John Bonazoli, Jim Lacey, Jack L'Hommedieu, Tim Ruth, David Surface, Reggie Tardif

Unable to attend: Mark Hall

Guests: John Enos, Jay Ferreira, Dave Bogdan, Thom Berube, Rose Provencher

Minutes taken by John Bonazoli

Steve Delaney reported on the status of town finances. Steve stated in the future, he could provide the Finance & Advisory Board a balance sheet quarterly.

Steve Delaney reported on the status of the town union contracts.

The Board of Assessors reported on the available money for appropriations. The total amount available for appropriation is \$864,353.

The Finance and Advisory Board (the Board) agreed use the draft town warrant dated 10/22/08 to vote on the articles. We agreed to reserve the right to review any and all warrant articles after the warrant has been closed.

A motion was made by Jim Lacey and seconded by David Surface to increase the police salary line (12111) by the amount \$16,000. The motion carried with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

A motion was made by Jim Lacey and seconded by David Surface to increase the Police operating line (12118) by \$11,400. There was discussion regarding that two years in a row the clothing allowance was left out of the requested budget. The motion carried with a vote of 5 in favor and 3 against.

A motion was made by Jack L'Hommedieu to reconsider the motion made by Jim Lacey to increase the police salary line (12111) by the amount \$16,000. The motion to reconsider was seconded by David Surface. The motion to reconsider carried by a vote 8 for and 0 against. In discussion a clarification was made regarding the salary cut voted on during town meeting. The original motion was then restated by Jim Lacey and seconded by David Surface to increase the police salary line (12111) by the amount \$16,000. The motion carried with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

A motion was made by Jim Lacey and seconded by David Surface to increase the Public Safety Building utility line (12131) by the amount \$10,000. The motion carried by a vote of 7 for and 1 against.

A motion was made by Jim Lacey and seconded by David Surface to decrease the police cruiser replacement line (12116) by the amount \$10,000.

A motion was made by Jim Lacey and seconded by David Surface to increase the elections expenses line (11621) by \$6,500, to increase the Veterans Service Expense Line (15431) by the amount \$20,000, and to transfer \$2,000 from the Planning Board Expense Line (11751) to the Planning Board Salary Line (11752). The motion carried by a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

A motion was made by Jim Lacey and seconded by David Surface to approve a 1% wage increase for non-union employees in the amount of \$12,735.43 and a 1% one time payment of \$12,862.78. The motion 6 for, 1 against, and 1 abstention.

A motion was made by Jim Lacey and seconded by David Surface to Transfer \$16,576 from the Board of Assessors Salary line (11412) to the Board of Assessors Expense line (11414) and increase the FY2010 DOR Required Re-certification expense line (11414) by the amount of \$19,500. The motion carried by a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

A motion was made by Jim Lacey and seconded by David Surface to increase the Assessors Expense Line (11414) to restore the May 2008 ATM Expense budget reduction. The motion failed with a vote of 0 for and 8 against.

A motion was made by Jim Lacey and seconded by David Surface to approve Article 3, titled Adjustment of Debt Service Figure FY 2009 Budget. The motion carried with a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

A motion was made by Jim Lacey and seconded by David Surface to approve Article 4, titled Unpaid bills. The motion carried with a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

A motion was made by Jim Lacey and seconded by David Surface to approve Article 10, titled Rosemarie Lane/Map 11, Lot 38 and Article 11 titled Bussing/Searle Street Land acceptance. The motion carried with a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

Reggie Tardif reported on the Energy Committee. The committee did not meet as scheduled, but plan to meet on October 23.

Tim Ruth reported as the liaison to the School Building committee. He updated the board on the plans to replace the Penn Brook School.

Robin O'Malley gave a status report of the Personnel Board.

A representative of the Planning board spoke to the Board to explain the proposed Planning Board articles 5 – 9.

A motion was made by Jim Lacey and seconded by David Surface to approve Article 5, titled Planning Board-Street Acceptance. The motion carried with a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

A motion was made by Jim Lacey and seconded by David Surface to approve Article 6, titled Pillsbury Pond Subdivision/Acceptance of Easements. The motion carried with a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

A motion was made by Jim Lacey and seconded by David Surface to approve Article 9, titled Acceptance of Subdivision Control Law. The motion carried with a vote of 8 for and 0 against.

The next board meeting is scheduled at 6:00 P.M. on November 17 prior to the Special Town Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.