

**Minutes of the Finance & Advisory Board  
Town of Georgetown  
November 1, 2006**

Location – Third Floor Meeting Room – Town Hall

Members in Attendance – Jon Ayres, Robin O’Malley, Tim Ruh, Reggie Tardif, Sandy Gerraughty, Jack L’Hommedieu, Mike Sweat and Phil Cannon

Members Absent – Ruth Stewart

Fire Department Guests – Jeffrey Manning, Rusty Ricker, Chief Mike Anderson

Other Guests that signed in – Sarah Buck – planning department, Rob Hoover – Planning Board, Philip Trapani and Elizabeth Tollman

Minutes taken by Tim Ruh

Meeting called to Order at 7:29 PM

Items Discussed:

1. 10/18/06 Meeting Minutes - A motion was made by Sandy Gerraughty and seconded by Robin O’Malley to accept the 10/18/06 meeting minutes. During discussion period some spelling errors and a grammatical error was noted. Vote was made to accept the minutes once these changes were made by a 7-0 vote with Mike Sweat abstaining.
2. 10/25/06 Meeting minutes – A motion was made by Sandy Gerraughty and seconded by Robin O’Malley to accept the 10/25/06 meeting minutes. During discussion period Sandy pointed out some errors in section 3 and John Ayres pointed out some spelling errors. Vote was made to accept the minutes once these changes were made by a 6-0 vote with Mike Sweat and Jack L’Hommedieu abstaining.
3. Fire Department Ladder Truck – Article 3  
Reggie stated that the CIP voted to approve the ladder truck warrant article with a 4-1 vote. Estimated delivery on the truck, if approved, would be 3/1/07. Discussions centered on the lease companies, the actual fire truck manufacturers, the bid process, the equipment and weight limits of the proposed truck. A motion was made by Sandy Gerraughty that the Finance and Advisory Committee recommend approval of a new ladder truck as stated in article 3 for an amount up to \$750,000. Mike Sweat seconded the motion. A unanimous 8-0 vote carried the motion.
4. Camp Dennison – Article 7  
Bob Morehouse presented a document entitled “Draft Proposed Budget FY07”. He stated that there is a revolving fund and a donation fund associated with Camp Dennison. Income from the revolving fund comes from rentals and other non-tax supported activities. Jack L’Hommedieu opened up discussions regarding revolving funds in general in light of the fire department’s request for a new revolving fund. Since this revolving fund already existed, the discussions then went back to the request for increasing the authorized amount in this fund. Phil Cannon made a motion that the Finance and Advisory Committee recommend approval of

increasing the spending cap as stated in article 7 for an amount up to \$7,000. Sandy Gerraughty seconded the motion. A unanimous 8-0 vote carried the motion.

5. Articles 9 and 10 – Street Acceptances

Rob Hoover stated that he did not have the planning board's recommendation on these two streets as of yet. Sandy Gerraughty made a motion to pass over the Finance and Advisory Committees recommendation until the Planning Board vote is known. Motion Seconded by Robin O'Malley. 8-0 Motion carried.

6. Article 11 – Adoption of MGL 39, Section 23D

Rob Hoover stated that the planning board voted unanimously to recommend approval for article 11. Sandy Gerraughty made a motion that the Finance and Advisory Committee recommend approval of Article 11. Phil Cannon seconded the motion. A unanimous 8-0 vote carried the motion.

7. Article 5 – National Ave re-zoning

Rob Hoover stated that the planning board voted 3-2 against re-zoning this parcel. He stated that he thought that the two board members in favor of the zoning change voted that way because one felt that it was just good planning and the second member felt that the town needed to increase its tax base. Rob stated that the main opposition for the other members had to do with the Master Plan. He stated that the Board is very close to having a Master Plan RFP sent out and that once the RFP was completed, he had hoped that the Economic Development Plan component of the Master Plan would be completed by the Spring Town Meeting. Tim Ruh noted that the timing of having the Master Plan completed by the Spring Town Meeting seemed aggressive based on the timetable that Rob presented. Rob reiterated that he had no reason to believe that this component of the Plan could not be completed by the Spring Town Meeting.

Mike Sweat commented that the Master Plan has been in the works for a very long time and questioned the reality of having it completed next year. Discussion then centered on having the developer, Tom Kennedy, present to us the project and why he was not here today to make a presentation. Reggie Tardif spoke to a representative of Tom's and believed that he would be here today.

Phil Trapani made an argument that the Board already has heard the positions of both sides and that we should recommend to not approve the change. Elizabeth Tollman spoke about supporting the Planning Board and viewing the tape of the developer's presentation to the Planning Board. Mike Sweat was perplexed as to why a citizen would not be supportive of having the Board hear more information before making a decision.

Mike Sweat made a motion that the Finance and Advisory Committee pass over any recommendation on Article 5 at this time until no later than November 13, 2006. Phil Cannon seconded the motion. A unanimous vote of 8-0 carried the motion.

8. Article 2 Highway Chapter 90

A comment was made that this article was going to be re-written and we would discuss at our next meeting.

9. Article 8 – Taking Pride in Georgetown request to appropriate \$40,000  
Sandy Gerraughty made a motion to have the Finance and Advisory Committee recommend approval of article 8 to raise and appropriate \$40,000 for engineering plans. Mike Sweat seconded the motion. The motion failed unanimously 0-8.
10. Sandy discussed that we should have a better way of acquiring and disseminating information between the Board and the Town Accountant and Town Administrator. John Ayres made a motion to appoint Sandy Gerraughty as the liaison between the Board and the Town Administrator's office. Robin O'Malley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 8-0.
11. Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Sweat at 9:10 PM and seconded by Robin O'Malley. Motion carried unanimously 8-0.