

**Finance and Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes of the Finance & Advisory Board
Town of Georgetown
March 19, 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: Steven Delaney

Minutes taken by Robin O'Malley

Meeting called to Order at 7:10 PM by Sandy Gerraughty

Legal fee summary: Reg Tardif handed out a memo regarding legal fees. Please review for our 3/25/08 meeting as Sandy Gerraughty will be going to the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Monday, 3/31/08, to discuss legal costs with the Selectmen.

CIP gave us their votes as of today, 3/19/08.

Budget Discussion: There was much discussion on how to balance the budget. The following is what was agreed on.

- ◆ **Revenue:** no change
- ◆ **General Government:** used FY08 budget, less \$1,500 for selectmen
- ◆ **Assessors:** will need to find \$1,224 for their contractual obligations within their budget
- ◆ **Public Safety:** Used FY08 budget for **fire, protective services and other public safety.**
- ◆ **Police:** decreased FY08 budget of \$1,351,039 to \$1,314,319. Also, they must find \$36,720 within their budget to fund contractual obligations.
- ◆ **Code Enforcement:** used FY08 budget.
- ◆ **Education: Public schools:** used FY08 budget and gave them an additional \$237,977. **School assessments** used FY09 budget.
- ◆ **Public Works:** Used FY08 budget and they will need to find \$8,598 within their budget to fund contractual obligations.
- ◆ **Undesignated:** used FY09 budget.
- ◆ **Human Services:** Used FY08 budget.
- ◆ **Culture and Recreation:** Used FY08 budget, increased **historical commission expense** up to \$500, a \$400 increase over FY08. **Library** will probably have to reduce hours to 31½ from 33½.
- ◆ **Debt Service, Insurance and overlay:** left at FY09 budget.

We are referring to this budget as the 1st pass budget of 3/19/08. Tim Ruh made a motion to approve the 1st pass budget of 3/19/08 as the preliminary budget with further discussion at a later date. David Surface seconded. Vote was 8-0 in favor.

Minutes still to approve:

- ◆ 8/15/07, 2/6/08, 2/12/08, 2/26/08, 2/28/08, 3/05/08, 3/13/08

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, 03/25/08, 7:00 pm** 3rd floor meeting room.

Motion to adjourn was made by Reg Tardif and seconded by Jim Lacey at 9:08 PM. Motion carried unanimously 8-0.

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.