



Finance & Advisory Board Meeting
Georgetown, MA
February 26, 2009
Minutes

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

Members: Robin O'Malley – chair, Andy Belliveau, Jim Lacey, Jack L'Hommedieu, Tim Ruh, Reggie Tardif

Unable to Attend: Jon Ayres – Vice Chair, John Bonazoli, and David Surface

Guests: Stephen Delaney, Park and Rec: Jim DiMento and Rich Aberman; Town Clerk Jan McGrane;
Historical Commission: Joe Knapp and Ed Desjardins; Highway Surveyor Peter Durkee;
Planning Dept: Nick Cracknell and Hugh Carter

Minutes taken by Robin O'Malley

1. General Comments:
 - Steve handed out to the board a memo dated 2/26/09 which included
 - 2 transfer requests for our 03/04 meeting
 - Tax collection information
 - Council on Aging information regarding their van
 - Reserve Fund, Free Cash and Stabilization Fund information
 - FY09 Water Department revenue
2. Park and Rec Department: Jim DiMento and Rich Aberman explained the budget for the Park and Rec Department.
3. Historical Commission: Joe Knapp and Ed Desjardins explained the budget.
4. Town Clerk: Jan McGrane presented her budget and acknowledges that she does need more hours, but understands if her salary line item needs to be level funded from FY09. For police coverage at town meeting and the election, she is not charged detail pay but OT. We have asked Steve Delaney to look into this for us.
5. Highway Department: Peter Durkee presented his budget. He has included a list of his accomplishments since he has taken over. The board asked about the Bailey Lane Bridge. Peter informed us that he is expecting an estimate within the next 2 weeks. We asked that we be informed of the quote. There was discussion regarding possibly reducing the \$200,000 previously approved at town meeting for this repair and possibly using the remainder to fix the highway garage roof. Steve advised us that town counsel said that this is doable for a warrant article.
6. Planning Department: Nick Cracknell, town planner, and Hugh Carter, Planning Board chair, presented their budget. If the 40R and 43D pass as town meeting, then there is potential for grant money. They would like some of the grant money used for a full time town planner. It is a 2 year grant. The grant is contingent upon the town showing "in good faith" that whatever we used the money for will continue when the grant is finished.
7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 7:00 pm 3rd floor town hall.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm
 - ◆ Jim moved, Reggie seconded, vote 6-0