

TOWN OF HARVARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes

Meeting Date: March 17, 2010

Meeting Place: Town Hall

Members Present: Bob Thurston, Lori Granville, John Sullivan, Steve Colwell, George McKenna, Heidi Frank, Collyn Bradley, Heidi Frank, Marie Fagan

Others Present: Tim Bragan, Town Administrator, Lorraine Leonard, Finance Director

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Adjournment Time: 9:02pm

Discussions and Actions

- Bob Thurston opened the meeting at 7:03pm
- Approved Minutes of February 27, 2010 and March 13, 2010
- Presentation by Ron Ostberg of the Municipal Buildings Task Force
 - 2 objectives for task force
 - Preserve and upgrade the buildings to meet current standards
 - Use the buildings to the advantage of residents.
- Additional Presentation points
 - Uses for old library
 - Community Center
 - Lease it out.
 - Idea of purchasing Catholic Church for COA or upgrading Hildredth House
 - We are not optimizing the use of the space that we have.
- Outlined request for \$\$\$ for the upcoming year. Request is \$75,000 – Has already been presented to the Capital committee – Funding would probably have to come from special Warrant article at Town meeting. Should be making this request to selectmen shortly.
 - Questions about how the money would be used, where it would come from, is it the right amount?
 - Is there opportunity to fund this through grant money? Task Force is researching this possibility.
- Board of Health (Present from Board of Health is Tom Phillippou)
 - Question on the use of Admin, could we cover this work by staff already here at Town Hall.
 - Feedback is that this person needs specialized training.
 - Board of Health feels that this person's job is needed/required.
 - Finance Committee discussion on whether to recommend to leave admin position as is, subtract 1 hour, or eliminate the position. Tim is confident that we have the skill set in Town Hall to take on these admin duties.
 - Finance committee recommends to zero fund admin position by majority vote 4-2 with one abstaining.
- Reviewed and discussed DPW section for Town Warrant
- Motion to vote on overall Omnibus budget as presented subject to any union negotiations – Vote was taken 5-0-1 in favor.

No liaison reports.

Next meeting Tri Board, Saturday March 20th, 8:45am, Town Hall.

Future meetings will be the first and third Wednesdays every month, 7:00 pm, at Town Hall.

Move to adjourn at 9:02 PM

