

# TOWN OF HARVARD

## Finance Committee

### Minutes

**Meeting Date:** March 3, 2011

**Meeting Place:** Town Hall

**Members Present:** Heidi Frank, Steve Colwell, Lori Granville, Marie Fagan, Bob Thurston,

**Others Present:** Tim Bragan-Town Administrator, Lorraine Leonard-Finance Director, All Boards members present

**Meeting Time:** 7:07 pm

**Adjournment Time:** 9:43 pm

### Discussion and Actions

- Bob Thurston opened the meeting at 7:07 pm
- No public comment
- Amended Finance Committee Address approved by a vote 6-0.
- Amended State Of Our Town approved by a vote 6-0.
- Local Schools approved 6-0 with the understanding that all editing to be done via email to Bob Thurston before Friday as discussed in meeting.
- Harvard Energy Advisory Committee page approved 6-0.
- FY10 Reserve Fund Transfers and 2010 Stabilization Fund approved 6-0.
- Article 2 Reserve Fund change the amount of \$200,000 to \$300,000 to cover court judgement and sewer engineering costs ineligible for SRF.
- No comments on Articles 9, 10, and 16 ATT—not enough information on these to take a vote/make a recommendation.
- Articles 17 and 18: we recommend that the funding source must be named as excluded debt on both articles. We want the following recommendation under Article 17 and under Article 18 (repeated): Finance Committee recommends funding as Debt Exclusion for which ever one passes, and that the Town takes action and votes for one of the two. George moves that Finance Committee does NOT recommend Article 17 as it is written. Vote is 5-0-1. George moves that Finance Committee approves Article 18 as written by Citizen’s Petition. Vote is 4-0-2.
- Article 26 Town Hall Energy Study in the amount of \$8,300 voted in favor 6-0. Approved projects are \$149,700, and a \$141,000 Grant has been received with \$8,300 shortfall. The state needs to know where this fund is coming from, so this has shown up as an Article.
- Article 28 Update of Master Plan with no comment because no \$ value is known ATT. The Planning Board has not gotten back to us. This could come out of Stabilization Fund, and we can make a recommendation on the Town floor.

- Vote 6-0 to move \$15,000 to Line Items to police staffing budget, and \$4,000 to Parks and Rec.
  - Article 29 West Nile Virus and EEE Prevention vote 6-0 to approve \$5,000 ( not to exceed this amount.)
  - Article 30 Home Rule Legislation-Join The Devens Economic Target Area voted to support this 6-0.
  - Article 32 Home Rule Legislation-Property Tax Relief for Senior Citizens. We will review this within the month prior to Town Meeting for a better understanding.
  - Meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.
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- Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.