

# TOWN OF HARVARD

## Finance Committee

### Minutes

**Meeting Date:** March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Meeting Place:** Town Hall

**Members Present:** Heidi Frank, Marie Fagan, Bob Thurston, Collyn Bradley, George McKenna

**Others Present:** Tim Bragan-Town Administrator

**Meeting Time: 7:04 pm**

**Adjournment Time: 8:10 pm**

### Discussion and Actions

- Bob Thurston opened the meeting at 7:04 pm.
- Minutes reviewed and accepted from 2/23 and 2/26, accepted as amended from 3/3.
- Snow and ice budget over spent which Board of Selectmen approved. We voted 5-0 to also approve this.
- Planning Board Chairperson Kara Minar present to discuss Article 29 Update of Master Plan. Kara stated that she was not sure where/who to go through for the funding source. Bob suggested that it should have gone to Capital; it is a Capital item.

Kara stated that the update was \$116,000 ten years ago with a Grant. Kara is looking into Grants for this. She feels that they will not have to pull as much raw data as was done in 2002. George suggests hiring a part time planner for this as other surrounding towns have done. Kara feels like this is not a feasible solution. She is asking for \$50,000 for this year, and will go from here for years forward. The end of ten years is end of 2012, and an extension of this due date could go into 2013.

Kara states that we will lose Grant money if we don't keep up with The Master Plan; it is needed and has been used for projects like Town Center Sewer and Bare Hill Pond which have received Grants.

- Article 15 Hildreth Elementary School Boiler and Windows: Tim will look further into this.
- Article 32 Home Rule Legislation – Property Tax Relief For Senior Citizens: Tim has a meeting regarding this. \$35,000 to \$50,000 would be the estimated value of Senior Citizens who qualify.
- Next meeting March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.