

Minutes of Finance Committee-Final

DATE: November 10, 2008

LOCATION: Medway High School Room A113
Medway, MA 02053

PRESENT: Frank Faist, Eric Arbeene (arrived late), Jeff Devolder, Phil Giangarra, Jan Fish, Mark Brown, Larry Ellsworth, Phyllis Cerel, Paul Marble

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Suzanne Kennedy, Susy Affleck-Childs, PB, Alison Slack, Affordable Housing, Andy Rodenhiser, PB, Anthony Mastroianni, Veteran's Agent

PURPOSE: Pre Town Meeting

Frank Faist called the Finance Committee (Fin Com) meeting to order at 6:05pm.

ETR Veteran's Agent-Tony Mastroianni

Veteran's agent Mastroianni was present to discuss his transfer request of \$7,685.00. These are funds needed to meet the needs of families and veteran's benefits. Benefits are for financial assistance on hospitalization and unemployment coverage. 75% of these monies are reimbursed by the government but the time it takes to refund is unpredictable.

Motion by Phil to approve the ETR of \$7,685.00 to the Veteran's Agent. Seconded by Jeff, no discussion, all in favor, motion carries (Eric was not yet present for this vote)

Fall TM Warrant Article 14-Tony Mastroianni, Veteran's Agent

This article would mandate that servicemen, who are Town employees and who are called to duty, continue their seniority and hold their job with the Town. The article would also pay the difference (if any) between their US pay and what they are paid from the Town. Currently there are no Town employees that could be potentially called to duty.

Paul voiced his concern that if this is enacted the Town will be tied to the change and it could be fiscally irresponsible. He suggested making a bylaw change "in our own words" may be more of a positive step.

It was agreed by the Committee that enough information to make a positive motion was not presented to FinCom and it was suggested that this Article be held for a future TM.

(Eric Arbeene arrived at 6:25pm)

Motion by Paul to table Article 14 due to not enough information to make a positive motion. Seconded by Phil, no discussion, 8-0 (Eric abstained; he was not present for the entire discussion)

Article 12

Motion by Paul to dismiss Article 12. Seconded by Phil, no discussion, all in favor.

Article 27

Susy Affleck-Childs was present to discuss 27 Walker Street. She advised the Committee that CPC has been receptive and supportive on this Article and the Planning Board met on Saturday morning and have endorsed this Article.

Frank advised the Committee that the Board of Selectmen have recommended not to approve this article in a vote of 3-2.

Paul added that the Town has owned this for years and the Town tried to sell the property for years with no taker, and no tax revenues coming in. This is the Town's way of taking a step forward on affordable housing and receiving tax revenues on the property at the same time.

Alison Slack from Affordable Housing advised that if the Article passes then and RFP will be written with an emphasis on Habitat for Humanity building on the property with a request that a Medway resident get first right on living there. Andy Rodenhiser, PB Chair advised the Committee that a Town employee could possibly get first right to living in this property. The property would have a single or duplex home built on it.

Larry asked if there were other lots available for affordable housing. Susy Affleck-Childs advised there are 5-8 lots that are available. Susy will present those locations at a future meeting.

Selectman Chairman Trindade spoke on the Selectman's vote on this article. He believes this is found land and as affordable housing the tax revenue will come in. He spoke favorably on affordable housing and that it is a positive step the town should take. The vote did not pass through the Selectman as three members believed the sale of the property should be investigated as possible income of a lot and not just the tax revenue.

Motion by Phyllis to recommend for approval. Seconded by Phil, no discussion, all in favor.

Article 22

Susy Affleck-Childs advised the group that this Article has been revised and removes all questionable streets from the previously written Article.

Motion by Jan to recommend this Article for approval, as amended by the Planning Board. Seconded by Paul; Discussion: Confirmed that Broad Acres is no longer a part of this Article, confirmed by Andy Rodenhiser; 8-0 voted, Frank abstained.

Article 7 change-Dave D'Amico, DPS Director

Director D'Amico advised the Committee that two line items in Article 7 have had their amounts changed. The Fire Alarm-Lift was changed from \$12,000 to \$17,000 and the Dump Truck from \$45,000 to \$40,000.

Secretary Pay vote

Motion by Jeff to approve secretary pay of 16.50 hours @ \$12.52 per hour for a total of \$206.58; pay 10/25/08 through 11/14/08. Seconded by Larry, no discussion, all in favor, motion carries.

Motion to adjourn at 6:55pm by Jan, seconded by Larry; no discussion, all in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Harrington

Finance Committee Secretary

*approved 12/10/08