



Town of Medway
FINANCE COMMITTEE
155 Village Street
Medway MA 02053

Tel: (508) 533-3200

Fax: (508) 533-3201

Approved: June 8, 2010

4-0-3

Abstained: Tony, Martin, Rondi

Meeting Minutes: May 18, 2010
Medway Town Hall, Sanford Hall

Call to Order: With a quorum being met this meeting was called to order at: 7:10pm

Members Present: Chairman, Larry Ellsworth, vice Chairman, Eric Arbeene, Clerk, Mark Brown, Members: Paul Marble, Jeffrey O'Neill, and Administrative Assistant Shirley Bliss.

Guests Present: Suzanne Kennedy, Town Administrator

New Business:

Budget/Benefits:

A report from the Town Administrator showing each of the Town's department's Fringe Allocations and percentage of budget was discussed. This Committee was not in favor of this report being included in the Town Meeting book as they feel that it does not show a true picture cost departmental costs as it does not include the number of employees counted in percentage. They also consider this report to be too ambiguous, not easily explained and would leave residents with more questions than answers.

Town Meeting Articles:

#21: ESCO:

This article was voted to placed on hold at the last meeting and after receiving both figures and new article wording a motion was taken and passed to support this article.

Motion: Paul Marble Seconded: Eric Arbeene Vote: 5-0-0

#10: Community Preservation Committee

An updated motion with numbers was presented and approved by unanimous vote.

(Article attached) Motion: Paul Marble Seconded: Mark Brown Vote: 5-0-0

School Budget:

A discussion was held concerning the School Budget and the funds to be transfer from the Town's Operational budget to the School's Operational Budget. the figure to be transferred is \$226,000 this will keep the School's Budget as level needs budget. total School Budget is: \$23,492,404.

Due to the confusion nature of this report a motion was made and unanimously passed NOT to include this report in the Town Meeting booklet.

Motion: Paul Martin Seconded: Jeff O'Neill Vote: 5-0-0

Article #21: ESCO:

Town Administrator Suzanne Kennedy joined the meeting for a discussion on the School Budget request for funds (\$226,000).

The wording is very confusing at best and the Finance Committee would like it left out of the book, Ms. Kennedy stressed that the BOS very much wants it in the book. As a compromise, Chairman Ellsworth will send a re-write to the BOS for their approval. This new writing will be placed in the Town Meeting Warrant Book.

Ms. Kennedy also asked the Committee's question as to where the money given to the Town Clerk to pay for the unexpected election in November, upon reimbursement from another source. The \$10,000 will be returned to the General Fund and Free Cash as required by Statute.

Article #20: Real Estate Transaction

Ms. Kennedy informed this Committee that the agreed upon number was \$170,000. The Town is now awaiting approval from the property owner. With this figure as their bases, the Finance Committee unanimously agreed to support this Article.

Motion: Paul Marble Seconded: Eric Arbeene Vote: 5-0-0

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

March 10, 2010 Approved with noted changes
 Motion: Paul Marble Seconded: Eric Arbeene Vote: 5-0-0

April 14, 2010 Approved as presented
 Motion: Jeff O'Neill Seconded: Paul Marble Vote: 5-0-0

April 28, 2010 - Public Meeting Approved as presented
 Motion: Jeff O'Neill Seconded: Eric Arbeene Vote: 5-0-0

April 28, 2010 Approved as presented
 Motion: Paul Marble Seconded: Mark Brown Vote: 5-0-0

May 5, 2010 Carried due to quorum of members present at that meeting not met

May 12, 2010 Carried due to quorum of members present at that meeting not met

Committee Reports:

Clerk: Current Balances:
Salaries: \$1839.03
Expenses: \$4460.00
Reserve: \$1700.00

Paul Marble: School Committee

Teachers Union has agreed to a new contract: Raises: 2 years at 1% and the third year 2.5%. there is also an additional 2.5 days of work per school year. The new principal of the Middle School was introduced. Camp Sunshine's budget was present and approved for 4.5 days per week.

Adjournment:

With no further business before this Committee a motion was made an unanimously passed to adjourn this meeting at: 8:50pm.

Motion: Paul Marble Seconded: Eric Arbeene Vote: 5-0-0