



Town of Medway
FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Meeting Minutes -- November 2, 2011
Town Hall – Sanford Hall

Present: Chairman Martin Dietrich, Vice Chairman Jeff O’Neill; Members: Christine Devine, Kevin Dickie, Neil Kennedy, Chris Lagan, and Frank Rossi.

Absent: Tony Pacholec and Jim Sheehan.

Also Present: Town Administrator Suzanne Kennedy, Selectman John Foresto, Selectman Dennis Crowley; Bob Tucker, Community Preservation Committee; Dan Hooper, Thayer Development Committee.

There being a quorum present, Chairman Dietrich called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Vice Chairman O’Neill moved to open a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on the 2011 Fall Town Meeting Warrant; Mr. Lagan seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

At this time, Chairman Dietrich solicited comments from the public. There were none.

For the benefit of residents viewing the live cable access broadcast, Chairman Dietrich stated he would read each article aloud. A copy of the official final Warrant will be archived with these minutes.

At 7:22 PM Vice Chairman O’Neill moved to close the Public Hearing; Mr. Kennedy seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

At this time, the Finance Committee discussed and voted its recommendation on each warrant article:

Article 1 – CPA Transfer: Thayer Property: Vice Chairman O’Neill moved to approve Article 1 as written; Mr. Kennedy seconded. There was brief discussion on liability insurance, caretaker salary, and balance of revenue against expenses. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 2 – Purchase Ambulance: Mr. Dickie moved to approve Article 2 as written; Mr. Kennedy seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 3 – School Dept. Lease: Solar Power: Vice Chairman O’Neill moved to table the committee’s recommendation; Mr. Kennedy seconded. Town Administrator Kennedy suggested the committee instead declare a To Be Determined recommendation as additional information may be come in before Town Meeting. Vice Chairman amended his motion to reflect a To Be Determined recommendation on Article 3; Mr. Kennedy seconded. Vote: 7-0-0.

The committee had concerns about the word “grounds” being too broad and suggested amending the article’s language to limit the panels to the roof while conduit and other necessary installation components can be placed on the ground. Ms. Kennedy stated the article cannot be amended at this time, but acknowledged that an amendment from the floor at Town Meeting could modify the wording.

Article 4 – Amendment to Council on Aging Revolving Fund: Mr. Lagan moved to approve Article 4 as written; Vice Chairman O’Neill seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 5 – Rescind borrowing: Council on Aging Building: Mr. Rossi moved to approve Article 5 as written; Mr. Lagan seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 6 – Rescind borrowing: ESCO Project: Mr. Lagan moved to approve Article 6 as written; Vice Chairman O’Neill seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 7 – Re-purpose funds: Fire Station Roof and Town Hall Renovation: Mr. Kennedy moved to approve Article 7 as written; Mr. Rossi seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 8 – Re-purpose funds: Snow Guard Rails at Police Station: Mr. Lagan moved to approve Article 8 as written; Mr. Kennedy seconded. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 9 – Salary Reserve Appropriation: Municipal Union Contract: Mr. Lagan moved to Approve Article 9 as written; Mr. Dickie seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 10 – Water Enterprise Fund Appropriation: Municipal Union Contract: Mr. Kennedy moved to approve Article 10 as written; Mr. Lagan seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 11 – Sewer Enterprise Fund Appropriation: Municipal Union Contract: Mr. Kennedy moved to approve Article 11 as written; Mr. Dickie seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 12 – Ambulance enterprise Fund Appropriation: Municipal Union Contract: Mr. Kennedy moved to approve Article 12 as written; Mr. Dickie seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 13 –Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Appropriation: Municipal Union Contract: Mr. Kennedy moved to approve Article 13 as written; Mr. Lagan seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 14 --Transfer: Police Outside Detail Account: Mr. Lagan moved to approve Article 14 as written; Vice Chairman O’Neill seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 15 –Prior Year Unpaid Bills: Mr. Lagan moved to approve Article 15 as written; Vice Chairman O’Neill seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 16 – Approve Settlement(s): Sewer Ext. Project Claims: Vice Chairman O’Neill moved to approve Article 16 as written; Mr. Lagan seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 17 – Establishment of OPEB Trust Fund: Mr. Dickie moved to approve Article 17 as written; Mr. Kennedy seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 18 – Amend By-Law: Alcoholic Beverages: Mr. Kennedy reiterated his concern that the Senior Center is included as a potential location. Town Administrator Kennedy clarified that the Senior Center can determine what days and hours the building could be available. Mr. Kennedy specified his concern is that the building be properly cleaned up after any event for the benefit of senior citizens who are sensitive to the smell of alcohol. Mr. Kennedy moved to approve Article 18 as written; Mr. Dickie seconded. No further discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Article 19 – Street Acceptance: Mr. Lagan moved to approve Article 19 as written; Ms. Devine seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Upcoming Dates:

There was brief discussion on whether the regular November meeting was necessary, given that the committee will meet on November 14 immediately before the start of Fall Town Meeting. There was also discussion on handling emergency transfer requests and whether those matters could wait until December.

Regarding the joint BOS, FC and SC meeting on November 15, Town Administrator Kennedy stated that, as the pertinent groups will already be gathered, discussion of town-wide facilities management would be a prudent agenda item for that meeting.

Next meeting:

The regular Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2011 will be cancelled. The next regular meeting will be held on December 14, 2011, in Sanford Hall, Town Hall.

Pre-Town Meeting: The committee decided to meet at 6:30 PM on November 14 to discuss any last minute issues before Fall Town Meeting. Specific location will be announced on the meeting agenda.

At 8:11 PM Mr. Lagan moved to adjourn; Mr. Kennedy seconded. No discussion. Vote: 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Galliardt
Night Board Secretary