

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Minutes

Date: March 25, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: O'Connor, Kupcinkas, Hebert, Gauthier, Bartosiewicz, Girard

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded by Bartosiewicz to accept the minutes of March 18, 2013 as submitted. Unanimous.

Michael O'Connor: At the request of the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen had a meeting last week concerning items to go on the ballot. There were originally 5 ballot questions. There was a citizen's petition, which has to go on the ballot. The Blackstone Valley ballot question was removed, by the request of the Blackstone Valley School Committee. There is a ballot question for the repair of the Brierly Pond Dam and the Ramshorn Dam, in the amount of \$2Million Dollars. The two School Department ballot questions did not get approved. The Board of Selectmen has never gone on record approving or disapproving the School Budget. I told them if they approve these to go on the ballot, then they are essentially approving the budget and the warrant articles.

Michael O'Connor went over the Proposition 2-1/2 Allowable Spending Analysis.

Michael O'Connor: The Net School Spending from the State is \$17,000,000. Our number for our School Budget is \$21.6Million. This is \$4,600,000 over the State's number. The Net School Spending number is expected to be an adequate, but not excessive amount for the school to run.

**BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moderator:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$200 for a total of \$200 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Board of Selectmen:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$16,800, General Expenses \$1,250 for a total of \$18,050 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Town Manager:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$188,336, General Expenses \$16,100 for a total of \$204,436 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Finance Committee:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$900, General Expenses \$250 for a total of \$1,150 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous

Reserve Fund:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Reserve Fund \$75,000 for a total of \$75,000 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Finance Director/Town Accountant:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$137,100, General Expenses \$4,295 for a total of \$141,395 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Town Audit:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to raise and appropriate for General Expenses \$27,500 for a total of \$27,500 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Board of Assessors:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$113,008, General Expenses \$17,507 for a total of \$130,515 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Treasurer/Tax Collector:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$164,542, General Expenses \$59,219 for a total of \$223,761 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Town Counsel:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for General Expenses \$110,000 for a total of \$110,000 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Town Hall Computer Operations:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for General Expenses \$111,617, Capital Outlay \$17,500 for a total of \$129,117 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Town Clerk:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$113,010, General Expenses \$39,670 for a total of \$152,680 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Elections and Registrars:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$9,780, General Expenses \$15,046 for a total of \$24,826 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Conservation Commission:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$28,807, General Expenses \$1,775 for a total of \$30,582 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Planning Board:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$38,183, General Expenses \$2,250 for a total of \$40,433 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Town Planner:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$63,373, General Expenses \$1,850 for a total of \$65,223 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Town Hall:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$45,641, General Expenses \$95,800 for a total of \$141,441 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Town Reports:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for General Expenses \$2,600 for a total of \$2,600 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate a total of \$1,518,911 for General Government. Unanimous.

Police Department:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$2,096,247, General Expenses \$105,835, Capital Outlay \$61,251 for a total of \$2,263,333 for the purpose of funding this budget. Gauthier opposed, rest for.

Fire Department:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$342,468, General Expenses \$97,750, Capital Outlay \$18,000, Fire Hydrant Expenses \$190,800 for a total of \$649,018 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Ambulance Service:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for General Expenses \$77,828 for a total of \$77,828 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Building Inspector:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$69,084, General Expenses \$2,500 for a total of \$71,584 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Plumbing/Gas Inspector:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$18,634, General Expenses \$400 for a total of \$19,034 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Electrical Inspector:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$16,182, General Expenses \$800 for a total of \$16,982 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Emergency Management:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for General Expenses \$3,000, Capital Outlay \$13,500 for a total of \$16,500 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Animal Control Officer:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for General Expenses \$27,000 for a total of \$27,000 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Tree Warden:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$5,202, General Expenses \$24,900 for a total of \$30,102 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for total Public Safety of \$3,171,381. Gauthier opposed, rest for.

Millbury School Department:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate a total of \$18,879,024 for the purpose of funding this budget. Bartosiewicz, Gauthier, Girard opposed. Hebert, Kupcinkas, O'Connor for. Motion passes by O'Connor.

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational H.S.:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Annual Operating Assessment \$692,364, Debt Excluded Capital Expenses \$48,843, Salaries Elected \$1,928, General Expenses \$500, Agriculture School \$23,000 for a total of \$766,635 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate a total for Public Education of \$19,645,659. Bartosiewicz, Gauthier, Girard opposed. Hebert, Kupcinkas, O'Connor for. Motion passes by O'Connor.

Public Works Administration:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$92,700, General Expenses \$13,100 for a total of \$105,800 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Public Works Maintenance and Operations:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$637,299, General Expenses \$28,650 for a total of \$665,949 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Highway:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for General Expenses \$200,000, Capital Outlay \$144,000 for a total of \$344,000 for the purpose of funding this budget. Gauthier opposed, rest for.

Snow and Ice Removal:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$55,000, General Expenses \$105,000 for a total of \$160,000 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Street Lighting:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for General Expenses \$92,000 for a total of \$92,000 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Solid Waste Management:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for General Expenses \$76,500, Capital Outlay \$20,000 for a total of \$96,500 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Highway, Cemeteries, Parks & Fields Maintenance:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$19,980, General Expenses \$40,200, Capital Outlay \$10,000 for a total of \$70,180 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Cemeteries:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$17,620, General Expenses \$24,000, Capital Outlay \$2,500 for a total of \$44,120 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Municipal Gasoline and Diesel Fuel:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for General Expenses \$165,000 for a total of \$165,000 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate a total for Public Works of \$1,743,549. Gauthier opposed, rest for.

Board of Health:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$44,747, General Expenses \$65,000 for a total of \$109,747 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Council-On-Aging:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$118,691, General Expenses \$35,050 for a total of \$153,741 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Veterans' Services:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$15,911, General Expenses \$100, Veterans' Benefits \$150,000 for a total of \$166,011 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Disability Commission:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for General Expenses \$500 for a total of \$500 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for a total Public Health and Human Services of \$429,999. Gauthier opposed, rest for.

Public Library:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$209,283, General Expenses \$99,003, Capital Outlay \$61,000 for a total of \$369,286 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Park Commission:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$2,000, General Expenses \$700 for a total of \$2,700 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Asa Waters Mansion:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$45,582 for a total of \$45,582 for the purpose of funding this budget. Gauthier, Bartosiewicz, Girard opposed. Hebert, Kupcinkas, O'Connor for. Motion passes by O'Connor.

Historical Commission:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for General expenses \$400 for a total of \$400 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Memorial Day & Veterans Day Observances:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for General Expenses \$1,000 for a total of \$1,000 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for a total for Cultural and Recreation of \$418,968. Gauthier, Bartosiewicz, Girard opposed. Hebert, Kupcinkas, O'Connor for. Motion passes by O'Connor.

Debt Service:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Long-Term Debt Principal \$1,965,826, Long-Term Debt Interest \$689,512, Short-Term Debt Interest \$20,000 for a total of \$2,675,338 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for a total for Debt Services of \$2,675,338. Unanimous.

Employee Benefits:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Worcester Regional Retirement System Assessment \$1,213,130, Workers' Compensation Insurance Expenses \$140,000, Unemployment Insurance Compensation Expenses \$55,000, Group Health Insurance and HMO Plan Administration Expenses \$10,000, Health Insurance and HMO Expenses-Town \$1,113,140, Health Insurance and HMO Expenses-School \$3,613,200, Group Life Insurance Insurance Expenses-Town \$1,760, Group Life Insurance Insurance Expenses-School \$3,600, Inpatient Trust Fund

\$20,000, Medicare Expenses \$265,000 for a total of \$6,434,830 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for a total for Employee Benefits of \$6,434,830. Unanimous.

General and Liability Insurance Expenses:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for General and Liability Insurance Expenses \$345,000 for a total of \$345,000 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for a total for General Insurances of \$345,000. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for a total General Fund of \$36,383,633. Gauthier, Bartosiewicz, Girard opposed. Hebert, Kupcinkas, O'Connor for. Motion passes by O'Connor.

Sewer Systems Operations & Maintenance:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$220,469, General Expenses \$327,689, UBWPAD Assessment \$783,062, Sewer Expansion Project Debt Service Assessment \$50,000, Capital Outlay \$325,000 for a total of \$1,706,220 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for a total for General & Enterprise Funds of \$38,089,853. Gauthier, Bartosiewicz, Girard opposed. Hebert, Kupcinkas, O'Connor for. Motion passes by O'Connor.

Michael O'Connor: We can vote the wording for the paragraph at the end of the budget when we get it from Brian.

Michael O'Connor: The School, by State law, can move money around in their budget. They could still find a way to get the two warrant articles paid for even out of their own budget, if the articles do not get passed.

Michael O'Connor: I would like to go over some of the Articles for the Warrant so see if there are any that members may feel strongly about. We have a citizen's petition to petition Congress about the Constitution. There is a ballot question and an article for the plowing and sanding of private streets.

Albert Kupcinkas: The DPW stopped the plowing of these streets. They had been taken care of until the Director stopped it.

Michael O'Connor: They pay taxes just like all of us.



Michael O'Connor: Laurie has two articles for Woolie World. They will be de-funding the money from one article to put it in a new one. There is an article for the acceptance of Lt. Haynes Drive. We normally defer this type of article to the Planning Board.

Michael O'Connor: There is a Citizen's petition to de-weed Lake Singletary. It would have to be raised and appropriated if it is approved. The School Department has four articles. There are two standard articles, which are for the Student Parking Revolving Account and the Medicaid article. The other two are for text books and technology.

Michael O'Connor: should we argue against the two articles or explain that this could be included in their budget?

Daniel Girard: The Town Meeting should know this.

Michael O'Connor: This would open up the School budget on the Town Meeting floor.

Daniel Girard: I think the people should know.

Michael O'Connor: I will try to get all the language for the end paragraph for Article 4. The rest of the Warrant has the standard articles. I don't know if we will have a preliminary Warrant for next week. The Selectmen will be closing the Warrant on April 9. If we are not going to have the preliminary Warrant for next week, there will be no need to meet next week. I will let you know if we will have the Warrant. We only need one night to vote the Warrant and the wording for Article 4. I will confirm with everyone.

Michael O'Connor: I heard that someone else may get up at Town Meeting and question the School Department budget. I think we should let the School Department know that we do not support the two articles on the Warrant and that cuts will need to be made.

Albert Kupcinkas: Shouldn't that come from the Town Manager?

Michael O'Connor: We are trying to be pro-active and let them have the time to do something before Town Meeting.

The Committee Members agreed that they should be pro-active and have Michael O'Connor let the School Department know of the Finance Committee's opinion.

Motioned by Girard, seconded by Bartosiewicz to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Unanimous.