

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes

Date: April 16, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Girard

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

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Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded by Hebert to accept the minutes of April 1, 2013 as submitted.
Gauthier abstained, rest for.

Michael O'Connor: I spoke to Laurie Connors, Town Planner, and she said the vote on Article 31 should be to defer to the Planning Board instead of the Town Planner. I have been looking at the budget and warrant and have come to a conclusion. Our fight should not be on the Warrant articles for the School. I can explain our stance on the budget more effectively than on the warrant. Proposition 2-1/2 allows us to raise \$1,000,000 between the School and the Town side. The original requests came to \$1,500,000. The School requested 75% of the total and the Town sides request came to 25%. The Town Manager split the deficit at 60/40. My recommendation to the Finance Committee is to give the School Department the two articles and reduce their budget by that amount. I can explain our standpoint better with the budget because the School Department is \$4,600,000 over Net School Spending.

Albert Kupcinkas: Originally we said we were going to indefinitely postpone the two articles. What is Bob's opinion on this?

Michael O'Connor: Bob is concerned about the dollars in Article 4, if our cut in the School budget does not go through. We will end up with an unbalanced budget.

Albert Kupcinkas: It sounds like the two articles would more than likely pass if they do the reverse call system to all parents concerning the articles.

Michael O'Connor: The House Budget numbers are down \$486,000 from the Governor's Budget. The Town Manager is waiting for final numbers from the Senate before making any changes in the budget. We will, in all likelihood, have a Special Town Meeting in the fall to handle the changes.

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Millbury School Department:

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Gauthier to rescind the previous vote on this budget.

Unanimous. Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Gauthier to recommend that \$18,600,436 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Gauthier to rescind the previous vote on Total Public Education. Unanimous. Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Gauthier to recommend a total for Public Education of \$19,367,071. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Gauthier to rescind the previous vote on Total General Fund. Unanimous. Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Gauthier to recommend \$36,105,045 for Total General Fund. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Gauthier to rescind the previous vote on total General & Enterprise Fund. Unanimous. Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Gauthier to recommend \$37,811,265 for Total General & Enterprise Funds. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to move that the town vote to raise the sum of Thirty Seven Million Eight Hundred Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$37,811,265) necessary to defray the expenses and charges of the Town of Millbury in Fiscal Year 2014, the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, including the salaries of Town Officers, costs of public education, debt and interest payments, and providing municipal services; and to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to appropriate the sum of Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Three Dollars (\$2,969,953) from the Fiscal Year 2014 Millbury Sewer Enterprise Fund User Revenue, and to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to raise said Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Three Dollars (\$2,969,953) for the expenses of the Sewer Department, including indirect and debt services costs, and further to meet said appropriation as follows:

A. Raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Four Million Seven Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$34,775,935);

Vote on the Motion: Unanimous.

WARRANT ARTICLE RECOMMENDATIONS

Article 7-School Department Technology

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to rescind the previous vote on this article. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Gauthier to recommend that \$175,000 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of Article 7. Unanimous.

Article 8-School Department Textbooks

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to rescind the previous vote on this article. Unanimous.

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Gauthier to recommend that \$103,588 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of Article 8. Unanimous.

Article 31-Elm Street Easement

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Bartosiewicz to rescind the previous vote on this article. Unanimous.
Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to defer Article 31 to the Planning Board for the recommendation. Unanimous.

Article 42-Balance Transfers

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that \$225,872.18 be transferred from account number 01-000-3220-00000-0000-310 Fund Balance-Overlay surplus for the purposes of Article 42. Unanimous.

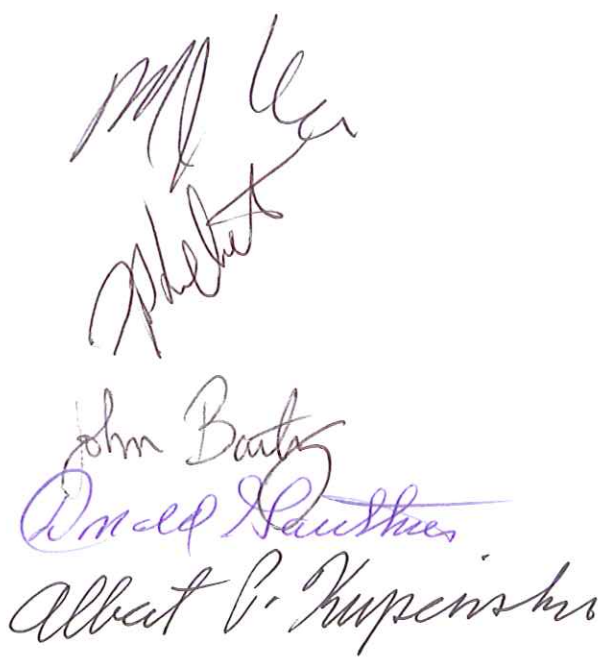
Article 43-Capital Project Account

Motioned by Hebert, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend the sum of \$144,000 be transferred from account number 01-710-5910-00000-0000-571 Retirement of Debt Account for the purposes of Article 43. Unanimous.

The Finance Committee members were given a draft of the Finance Committee letter for the recommendation book.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2013 with Tom Fox, Town Moderator.

Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded by Gauthier to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Unanimous.



Handwritten signatures of committee members: M. Hebert, John Barty, Donald Gauthier, and Albert C. Kupcinkas.