FINANCE COMMITTEE Minutes

Date: September 28, 2010 Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Girard

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

Motioned by Gauthier, seconded by Kupcinskas to accept the minutes of June 21, 2010 as written. Unanimous.

Michael O'Connor: I just want to make sure that everyone received and returned the packet about the Open Meeting Law.

Everyone was in agreement.

Michael O'Connor: You should have also received a copy of the Sexual Harassment Policy. You just needed to sign and return stating that you received it.

Everyone was in agreement.

Michael O'Connor handed out a draft of a 5-year budget analysis from FY 2007-2011

Michael O'Connor: The Town Manager and the School Superintendent have not been able to come up with an agreement over the past few years over the split on the deficit. I put this analysis together over the summer. Every money article was placed in the appropriate budgets for the past five years. We need to figure out early, what to determine the split is between the School and the Town. We should be able to agree on the split right now and not wait until the eleventh hour. I would like to see if we can recommend an agreement by January 1, 2011.

Michael O'Connor went over his proposal

Michael O'Connor: Decisions need to be made early on, so we are working with real numbers as we make our recommendations. I would like everyone to take some time, within the next month, to go over this analysis and compose any questions. I feel that there is no reason why they cannot come to an agreement by January 1, 2011. I would like to have a joint meeting sometime in November or early December. I would rather be able to help departments during the budget season without having to worry about what the agreement on the split will be.

Michael O'Connor: I will check to see if the Library is available on November 1, 2010.

Donald Gauthier: I would not like to have it any later.

Michael O'Connor: We should meet in October to finalize this. I will tell the Town Manager, with your approval, that November 1, 2010 is the preferable date, and November 8, 2010 if the first is not good with everyone.

Motioned by Gauthier, seconded by Kupcinskas to authorize Michael O'Connor, Chairman, to send a letter to the School Superintendent and the Board of Selectmen, requesting a joint meeting with the Finance Committee in November. Unanimous.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on Monday, October 25, 2010.

Motioned by Gauthier, seconded by Hebert to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Unanimous.