

Finance Committee Meeting

October 13, 2010 7:30 PM
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229
900 Main Street
Millis, MA 02054

In Attendance:

Chris Smith, Chairman
Craig Schultze, Vice Chairman
Jennifer Soule, Clerk
John Burns
Peter Jurmain
Rick Manburg
Richard Molloy
Jim Smith
Susan Vecchi
Charles Aspinwall, Town Administrator
Charles Vecchi, Board of Selectmen
David Baker, School Committee

Chris Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Warrant Item Review/Recommendations:

Article #7 – Crestview Drive and Klifford Circle Improvements: \$21,000.00

Charles Aspinwall:

A request to increase article amount from \$21,000.00 to \$27,000.00 due to engineering costs; this article will be funded from the cell tower revenue.

Craig Schultze made a motion to reconsider Article #7, Peter Jurmain seconded. Vote: 9/0, motion carries unanimously.

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend an increase in Article #7 from \$21,000.00 to \$27,000.00, Jennifer Soule seconded, Vote: 9/0, motion carries unanimously.

Article #8 – Water System Improvements:

Charles Aspinwall:

The test conducted on Irving Street determined the water main is lined and therefore will not need to be cleaned or replaced. Funding for this article will have to be figured out because water and sewer funds would have to be the majority of the work on the project and without replacing or cleaning the line it is not:

Daniels Street Repair Costs:

Water System: \$ 32,000.00

Paving/Earthwork: \$125,012.50

Irving Street Repair Costs:

Water System: \$ 70,500.00

Paving/Earthwork: \$119,762.50

Curve Street Repair Costs:

Water System: \$ 14,000.00

Paving/Earthwork: \$ 39,987.50

Water rate payers shouldn't be paying for projects where the majority of work is paving work.

Craig Schultze made a motion to table Article #8, Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 9/0, motion carries unanimously.

Rich Molloy made a motion to dismiss Article #8, Jennifer Soule seconded, Vote: 9/0, motion carries unanimously.

Article #21 – Veteran's Memorial Building Repairs:

Charles Aspinwall:

The architect reassessed the scope of the work and determined the cost to repair the building was less than the previous assessment. The project will cost approximately \$76,555.00; \$92,000.00 was appropriated for repairs at the June Town Meeting. Additional funds will not be necessary.

Craig Schultze made a motion to dismiss Article #21, John Burns seconded, Vote: 9/0, motion carries unanimously.

Article #16 – Wheel Chair Van:

\$35,000.00

David Baker:

The School Department is requesting the replacement of Van #12, a 1997 Ford with 143,000 miles. Backup vans are: Van #1, a 1995 Dodge with 109,000 miles, Van #18, a 2002 Dodge with 232,000 miles and a small School Bus #7, a 1999 GMC with air conditioner problems. The chairlift on Van #18 can only be used manually; the plan is to dispose of Van #18. The quote for a new van is \$32,690.00 plus the cost of light bars, school decals, etc.

Information on whether Van #12 would make it through the school year was not available.

Article #17 – Clyde Brown School Carpet/Paint:

\$50,000.00

The amount of \$50,000.00 was based on a study done in 2002. The School Department will get a new bid and the repairs will be considered at the Spring Town Meeting. The library does not pose any physical danger to the children.

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend Article #17 in the amount of \$5,000.00 for engineering and architect cost for a new bid, Peter Jurmain seconded, Vote: 9/0, motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend Article #16 in the amount of \$35,000.00, Peter Jurmain seconded, Further Discussion: There will not be any disposal cost for Van #18. Vote: 9/0, motion carries unanimously.

Article #1 – Opening Operating Budget:

The School Department will put \$108,000.00 appropriated at the June Town Meeting back into the Stabilization Fund.

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend Article #1 to open the School Department's Operating Budget putting \$108,000.00 back into the Stabilization Fund, Susan Vecchi seconded, Vote: 9/0, motion carries unanimously.

Article #18 – Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Millis and the Professional Firefighters of Millis Local #4704:

An agreement has not been reached.

Peter Jurmain made a motion to dismiss Article #18, Jim Smith seconded, Vote: 9/0, motion carries unanimously.

Article #2 – Unpaid Bills:

The article will remain open until the evening of Town Meeting.

Article #10 – Police Cruisers:

Craig Schultze made a motion to reconsider the second cruiser in Article #10, Jim Smith seconded.

Discussion:

In order to stagger the replacement of police cruisers the board inquired if a second cruiser would be available in May/June of 2011, the second cruiser would be considered at the Spring Town Meeting.

Craig Schultze made a motion to withdraw the reconsideration of the second cruiser in Article #10, Jim Smith seconded. Vote on second cruiser consideration: 0/9.

Warrant Articles:

Assigned as follows:

Chris Smith	Article #1 & 2
Jennifer Soule	Article #3 & 4
Craig Schultze	Article #5, 6 & 7
Rich Molloy	Article #8 & 9
Peter Jurmain	Article #10 & 11
Rick Manburg	Article #12 & 13
Susan Vecchi	Article #14 & 15
John Burns	Article #16, 17 & 18
Jim Smith	Article #19, 20 & 21

Article Funding:

Charles Aspinwall:
Article Funding will be available next week.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

October 20, 2010, 7:30 PM
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229

October 27, 2010, 7:30 PM Pre-Town Meeting – Public Hearing
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229

November 1, 2010 6:30 PM
Location: Teacher's Cafeteria

November 1, 2010 7:30 PM – Town Meeting
Middle/High School
245 Plain Street

Minutes Review and Approval:

Craig Schultze made a motion to approve the October 6, 2010 minutes as written, Rick Manburg seconded, Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Adjourn:

Peter Jurmain made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM, Jim Smith seconded, Vote: 9/0, motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Gilmore