

Finance Committee Meeting

October 20, 2010 7:30 PM
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229
900 Main Street
Millis, MA 02054

In Attendance:

Chris Smith, 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
Chief Peter McGowan, Police

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

Warrant Item Reconsiderations/Recommendations:

Article #10 – Police Cruisers: \$64,110.00

Chief McGowan:

The Ford Crown Victoria will be discontinued; the last model year will be 2011. The MHQ rep cannot guarantee availability if the second cruiser is not considered until the Spring 2011 Town Meeting. MHQ has 300 in stock and another 200 on order. Two police officers share each vehicle in the fleet averaging twenty four thousand miles per year. The extra cruiser would extend the life of the fleet. The Police Department would not request additional vehicles until FY13 if the second cruiser is recommended/approved. The repair and supply expenses are predictable with the Crown Victorias. First year vehicles have a tendency to have issues that need to be ironed out. The new Ford Interceptor will not be available until January 2012.

Peter Jurmain made a motion to reconsider Article #10, Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 7/1, motion carries.

Peter Jurmain made a motion to recommend two cruisers for Article #10 in the amount of \$64,110.00, Susan Vecchi seconded, further discussion: \$160,000.00 of Free Cash could be used for warrant articles, \$300,000.00 has been earmarked for recurring articles for the Spring Town Meeting. Rick Manburg feels the second cruiser is not a true need at this time. The Police Department would order one cruiser immediately and defer the purchase of the second cruiser as long as possible for warranty reasons. Vote: 7/1, motion carries.

Article #5 & 6 – Road Acceptance – Crestview Drive and Klifford Circle:

Charles Aspinwall:

The taking of Crestview Drive and Klifford Circle was previously voted for \$1.00 each. In both cases the property owner has interest into the road and therefore each parcel needs \$1.00 each for the following:

Crestview Drive: \$41.00
Klifford Circle: \$10.00

Susan Vecchi made a motion to reconsider Article #5, Peter Jurmain seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #5 in the amount of \$41.00, Peter Jurmain seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to reconsider Article #6, Peter Jurmain seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval Article #6 in the amount of \$10.00, Peter Jurmain seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Article #2 – Unpaid Bills:

Jennifer Soule made a motion to recommend Article #2 for the following unpaid bills:

<u>Department:</u>	<u>Vendor:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>Comment:</u>
Assessors	Norfolk County Registry of Deeds	\$ 29.30	May & June 2010 Deeds
Selectmen	TALX Corporation	\$1,260.00	Annual Unemployment Svce
Building	Tim Costello	\$ 75.00	June meeting reimbursement
Selectmen	Nicolas General Contracting	\$ 650.00	Work completed 6/27/10
Fire	Clinical I Home Medical	\$ 100.50	June 2010 deliveries
Fire	Ben's Uniforms	\$ 150.00	June 2010 invoice
Board of Health	Public Sector Partners	\$ 253.32	2009 Flu Clinic charges
Fire	Gilmore's Inc.	\$ 147.25	March 2010 invoice
Fire	Gilmore's Inc.	\$ 41.30	March 2010 invoice
Ambulance	CARQUEST Auto Parts	\$ 61.70	June 2010 invoice
Total:		\$2,768.37	

Peter Jurmain seconded, Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Warrant Article Funding:

Jennifer Soule made a motion to fund Article #2 Unpaid Bills in the amount of \$2,768.37 from Free Cash, Peter Jurmain seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Jennifer Soule made a motion to fund Article #3 Pinehouse Road Acceptance in the amount of \$1.00 from Free Cash, Peter Jurmain seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Jennifer Soule made a motion to fund Article #4 Applerock Road Acceptance in the amount of \$1.00 from Free Cash, Peter Jurmain seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Jim Smith made a motion to fund Article #5 Crestview Drive Acceptance in the amount of \$41.00 from Free Cash, Peter Jurmain seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Jim Smith made a motion to fund Article #6 Klifford Circle Acceptance in the amount of \$10.00 from Free Cash, Peter Jurmain seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Jim Smith made a motion to fund Article #7 Crestview Drive and Klifford Circle Improvements in the amount of \$27,000.00 from Cell Tower Revenue, Peter Jurmain seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Rich Molloy made a motion to fund Article #9 Sewer System Improvements in the amount of \$40,576.00 from Sewer Surplus and \$75,424.00 from borrowing, Peter Jurmain seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Rick Manburg made a motion to fund Article #10 Police Cruisers in the amount of \$64,110 from Free Cash, Peter Jurmain seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Rick Manburg made a motion to fund Article #11 Dispatch Console in the amount of \$20,670.00 from Free Cash, Peter Jurmain seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to fund Article #14 English Language Arts in the amount of \$45,000.00 from Free Cash, John Burns seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to fund Article #15 Space Needs Study in the amount of \$15,000.00 from Free Cash, John Burns seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to fund Article #16 Wheel Chair Van in the amount of \$35,000.00 from Free Cash, John Burns seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to fund Article #17 Clyde Brown School Improvements in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Free Cash, John Burns seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Old/New Business:

Motion Books will be ready by Pre-Town Meeting on October 27, 2010.

Charles Aspinwall:

In FY10 the Town spent approximately \$4,500.00 in beaver dam repairs; so far in FY11 the Town has already spent \$13,670.00. The beaver guards seem to work so far, if they fail the DPW would be requesting the purchase of a truck at the Spring Town Meeting instead of hiring equipment to free the culverts blocked by the dams. An estimated cost of the truck is between \$30,000.00 and \$40,000.00. The Orchard Street culvert may be too large to build a beaver guard. The cost of the beaver guards are absorbed in the DPW budget, there is zero budgeted in FY11 for beaver guards.

Peter Jurmain made a motion to approve payment of \$1,450.00 to Our Town Publishing for printing of the November Town Warrant, Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

The Strategic Budget Planning Committee's next meeting is November 8, 2010 at 6:30 PM.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

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:

Peter Jurmain made a motion to accept the October 13, 2010 minutes as written, Rick Manburg seconded, Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Adjourn:

Jim Smith made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 PM, Peter Jurmain seconded, Vote: 8/0, motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Gilmore