

Finance Committee Meeting

April 2, 2014 7:30 PM EST
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229
900 Main Street
Millis, MA 02054

In Attendance:

Peter Jurmain, Chairman
Susan Vecchi, Vice Chairman
Rich Molloy, Clerk
Doug Riley
Craig Schultze
Charles Aspinwall, Town Administrator
Charles Vecchi, Board of Selectmen

Peter Jurmain called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM

Oak Grove Farm FY15 Revolving Account: - Postponed

Article #3 Downtown Zoning:

Charles Aspinwall:

The article proposes rezoning the downtown district including Ann & Hope, Cliquot and Herman Show properties which are currently zoned for Industrial & Commercial. A study conducted found the area could be better used if it was zoned for Commercial & Retail.

Article #4 Substance Abuse Treatment Center Zoning:

Town Counsel will have to verify which of the two drafts of the article should be included in the Warrant.

Article #5 Amend Zoning Map:

This article would revise the town's zoning map, specifically changing the I-P area into two new districts: (1) R-V-C and (2) C-V-2.

Article #6 MCEOD Zoning – Drive Thru:

Charles Aspinwall:

This article will amend the Zoning By-Law by deleting the existing language "Drive thru windows are not permitted" to "Drive thru windows are permitted by special permit"

Article #7 Jopa Lease – Parking Lot:

Charles Aspinwall:

A portion of the proposed drive thru will be on town property. This article would allow the drive thru to be used on town property.

Article #32 Sewer System Improvements – Infiltration & Inflow:

Charles Aspinwall:

The original amount of the article was \$56,549.00 which would cover the cost to finish the Infiltration & Inflow project. However, due to (2) recent sewer main breaks on Union Street the Board of Selectmen will need to revise the article. Investigation into the condition of the sewer pipe on Union Street will include draining, discharging, cleaning & putting a camera through the pipe to detect cracks, etc. One option to correct the pipe would be to replace the pipe (installed in 1985) or the second option could be to line the pipe.

Article #33 Village Street Sewer Extension:

Charles Aspinwall:

A resident petitioned the town for sewer on Village Street. The town has enough capacity to handle the additional gallons. The “Area C” Base Area is from 341 Village Street to Pine House Road and would provide a gravity sewer system. The North Area includes Pleasant Street to the intersection of Village Street and a portion of Spencer Street to #70. The South Area includes Pleasant Street at the intersection of Village Street south to Baltimore Street. The West Area includes Village Street from Tara Terrace east to beyond Acorn Street to #348 Village Street. The Base, North and South service areas require a sewage pump station which would be located at the intersection of Village and Pleasant Streets. Project Costs are as follows:

Base Area:	\$2,420,595.00
North Area:	\$1,226,508.00
Base & North Area:	\$3,647,103.00
South Area:	\$ 794,575.00
Base & South Area:	\$3,215,170.00
Base, North & South Areas:	\$4,375,678.00
West Area:	\$1,455,995.00

The project would be funded with Betterment Fees (80%) and Sewer Rates (20%)

The following are the Betterment Fees by area:

Base Area:	\$26,896.00
North Area:	\$21,331.00
Base & North Area:	\$24,726.00
South Area:	\$21,189.00
Base & South Area:	\$25,217.00
Base, North & South Areas:	\$23,652.00
West Area:	\$15,740.00

If the project proceeds the article would only include design costs. Construction could begin in the spring of 2015 and would last approximately 18 months.

Article #8 Current Year Additional Expenses: \$160,000.00

The Snow & Ice Deficit is now \$158,042.94 of which \$26,526.47 is for Salaries and the remaining \$131,516.47 is for Expenses.

Article #34 Water Street Sewer Pump Station Rehab Design: \$ 34,070.00

Charles Aspinwall:

The pump was built in 1985. The major components are nearing the end of their service life due to high demand and usage; pumps an average of 120,000 gallons per day of wastewater. The pump manufacturer is no longer in business and exact pump replacement is not an option. The overhaul of pump #2 was approximately \$25,000.00. The station services 2/3 of the town.

Charles River Pollution Control District FY15 Assessment:

O & M: \$246,570.00
Capital: \$104,090.00

Letter to State Representative:

The committee has sent a letter to Representative David P. Linsky requesting his support in asking the legislature to revisit their decision in support of the Governor's FY15 budget. The letter can be viewed on the town's website under Finance Committee Meeting Materials – April 2, 2014.

Article Assignments:

Craig Schultze: Article #2 thru #8
Susan Vecchi: Article #37 thru #44
Rich Molloy: Article #45 thru #52
Doug Riley: Article #17 thru #23
Peter Jurmain: Article #9 thru #16
Jim Smith: Article #24 thru #30
Tom Krimmel: Article #31 thru #36

Article #20 OPEB Valuation: \$ 5,500.00

Susan Vecchi made a motion to reconsider Article #20 OPEB Valuation; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 5/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend dismissal of Article #20 OPEB Valuation; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 5/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #12 Police Department Contract Settlement: \$103,155.00

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #12 Police Department Contract Settlement in the amount of \$103,155.00; Craig Schultze seconded. Vote: 5/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #13 Dispatch Contract Settlement: \$ 13,269.00

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #13 Dispatch Contract Settlement in the amount of \$13,269.00; Craig Schultze seconded. Vote: 5/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #21 Unemployment: \$ 40,000.00

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #21 Unemployment in the amount of \$40,000.00; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 5/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #17 Add to Stabilization Fund:

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend dismissal of Article #17 Add to Stabilization Fund; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 5/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #18 Unfunded Health Insurance Liability:

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend dismissal of Article #18 Unfunded Health Insurance Liability; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 5/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #23 Field Improvements:

The Fields Committee is meeting on April 10, 2014 and should have a dollar amount for this article. The Board of Selectmen will be voting on this article at their April 28th meeting.

Article #24 Fire Department Equipment: \$ 28,112.00

Turnout Gear: \$13,800.00
Pages (10) & Portable Radios (4): \$14,312.00

This article would improve the safety of the town's firefighters.

Article #29 Local Road Improvements: \$ 50,000.00

This past winter has been exceptionally rough on the town's roads. Chapter 90 Funds do not cover the extensive work needed. The Board of Selectmen will discuss this issue on April 28, 2014 including a potential override in November for much needed repairs on many of the roads in town. The override might include a one-time capital exclusion, a debt exclusion or a general override for an annual local roads improvement article. The following roads are in poor condition and should be addressed: Middlesex, Orchard, Walnut, Himmelfarb, Exchange, Village, Dover, Larch, Myrtle, Causeway, Eden, Ross, Island, Dwight, Dyer, Oakview, Irving Van Kleeck, Morse, King Philip Ironwood and Environmental.

Article #39 School Curriculum Materials: \$ 72,000.00

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend dismissal of Article #39 School Curriculum Materials; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 5/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #40 School Curriculum Development: \$ 10,800.00

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend dismissal of Article #40 School Curriculum Development; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 5/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #41 School Middle/High Library Upgrade: \$ 10,000.00

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend dismissal of Article #41 School Middle/High Library Upgrade; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 5/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #42 School LDC Projectors: \$ 11,200.00

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend dismissal of Article #42 School LCD Projectors; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 5/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #43 School Cafeteria Tables: \$ 38,000.00

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend dismissal of Article #43 School Cafeteria Tables; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 5/0 motion carries unanimously.

The committee reiterated they are not pleased dismissing the articles but have no other choice.

Minutes Approval:

Susan Vecchi made a motion to approve the March 19, 2014 meeting minutes as written; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 5/0 motion carries unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings:

April 9, 2014
Town Meeting: Monday May 12, 2014

Adjourn:

Susan Vecchi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote 5/0 motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Gilmore