

Finance Committee Meeting

April 30, 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
Tom Krimmel
Doug Riley
Jim Smith
Charles Aspinwall, Town Administrator

Peter Jurmain called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM

Article #31 Sewer System Improvements:

Charles Aspinwall:

The Union Street sewer pipe has failed three times in the past couple of months. The DPW replaced 18 feet of the pipe. The concern is the pipe that was replaced had corrosion and was pitted. The soil has been tested around a portion of the pipe; the results are not back yet. GCG Associates Inc. has recommended the replacement of the pipeline that extends from the pump station at the DPW along Water Street, Union and Curve Streets to the intersection with Exchange Street. The pipeline consists of 3,000 linear feet of 10: diameter ductile iron pipe which was installed in 1985. They also recommend that two test pits be dug approximately 40 feet on either side of the repair work. They do not recommend performing test pits on the entire pipeline because they believe the corrosion is local and due to a pipe joint that was most likely leaking from the installation date. The estimate to cover the cost to perform the initial testing and replacement of approximately 80 linear feet of sewer pipe is \$66,687.00. The cost detail is as follows:

Initial Testing:	\$10,810.00
Pipe Replacement:	\$49,815.00
Contingency (10%)	<u>\$ 6,062.00</u>
Total:	<u>\$66,687.00</u>

Article #32 Village Street Sewer Extension Design:

Charles Aspinwall:

The Board of Selectmen voted to proceed with the Base and West Areas. The Base Area consists of installing a gravity sewer system on Village Street from the existing gravity sewer system on Village Street at the intersection of Pine House Road west on Village Street to beyond and including Dyer Street to a high point located in front of #341/342 Village Street. A low pressure sewer system is utilized to service Blueberry

Land, a grinder pump is required to connect into the low pressure system. A municipal sewage pump station will be necessary at the intersection of Pleasant Street and Village Street. The West Area consists of installing a gravity sewer system on Village Street from the existing gravity sewer at the intersection of Tara Terrace east to beyond Acorn Street to the high point at #348 Village Street and the western border of the Base Area. The 80% Betterment Fee for the Base Area is \$26,896.00 and \$15,740.00 for the West Area. The design cost for the Base Area is \$75,000.00 and \$45,000.00 for the West Area This article will be funded by borrowing. Construction costs will be requested at the November Town Meeting.

Article Recommendations:

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend dismissal of Article #10, Reclassification Request; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to reconsider Article #31, Sewer System Improvements; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #31, Sewer System Improvements in the amount of \$123,236.50; Doug Riley seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #32, Village Street Sewer Extension Design – Base and West Areas in the amount of \$120,000.00; Doug Riley seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article Funding Sources:

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #11, Non Union Wages, in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Free Cash; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #12, Police Department Contract Settlement, in the amount of \$103,155.00 of which \$68,155.00 will be funded by Taxation and \$35,000.00 from Free Cash; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #13, Dispatch Contract Settlement, in the amount of \$13,269.00 of which \$8,876.00 will be funded by Taxation and \$4,393.00 from Free Cash; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #14, Operating Budget, in the amount of \$25,149,016.56 of which \$24,449,363.47 will be funded by Taxation, \$265,000.00 from Ambulance Fund Transfer, \$344.00 from Perpetual Care Transfer, \$4,500.00 from Cemetery Lot Sale Transfer, \$34,261.00 from Existing Appropriations Transfer, \$34,150.00 Cell Tower Revenue Transfer, \$35,239.00 from Existing Encumbrances Transfer, \$7,821.00 from Septic Betterments Transfer, \$168,272.95 from Water Enterprise Fund Transfer, \$150,065.14 from Sewer Enterprise Fund Transfer; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #15, Water Enterprise Fund Budget, in the amount of \$930,854.89 from Water Receipts; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #16, Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget, in the amount of \$996,881.29 of which \$713,884.29 will be funded by Sewer Receipts and \$282,997.00 from Sewer Betterment Transfer; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #19, Audit, in the amount of \$35,000.00 of which \$3,570.00 will be funded by Taxation and \$31,430.00 from Free Cash; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #21, Unemployment, in the amount of \$40,000.00 from Free Cash; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #24, Fire Department Equipment, in the amount of \$28,112.00 from Free Cash; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #25, Police Department Vehicle Replacement, in the amount of \$36,575.00 by Taxation; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #26, Energy Manager Grant Match, in the amount of \$20,142.00 from Free Cash; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #27, Chapter 90 Highway Improvements, in the amount of \$316,773.00 of which \$275,455.00 will be funded from Chapter 90 Funds and \$41,318.00 from Winter Rapid Road Recovery Program; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #28, Local Road Improvements, in the amount of \$50,000.00 of which \$20,142.00 will be funded by Taxation and \$29,858.00 from Free Cash; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #31, Sewer System Improvements, in the amount of \$123,236.50 from Sewer Surplus; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #32, Village Street Sewer Extension Design – Base and West Areas, in the amount of \$120,000.00 by Borrowing; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #33, Water Street Sewer Pump Station Rehab Design, in the amount of \$34,070.00 from Sewer Surplus; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #34, DPW Equipment – Backhoe Replacement, in the amount of \$80,061.00 of which \$26,687.00 will be funded by Taxation, \$26,687.00 from Sewer Surplus and \$26,687.00 from Water Surplus; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #35, Unidirectional Hydrant Flushing Plan, in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Water Surplus; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #36, Schools: Bus Lease, in the amount of 79,000.00 from Free Cash; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #37, Schools: Computer Lease, in the amount of \$70,000.00 from Free Cash; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #38, Schools: Curriculum Materials, in the amount of \$72,000.00 of which \$62,385.00 will be funded by Taxation and \$9,615.00 from Free Cash; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #39, Schools: Curriculum Development, in the amount of \$10,800.00 from Free Cash; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #43, Medicaid Reimbursement, in the amount of \$5,000.00 by Taxation; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #46, CPC Budget and Fund Reservations, in the amount of \$199,830.75 from CPC Funds; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #47, CPC Ellice School, in the amount of \$12,500.00 from CPC Funds; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #48, CPC Niagara Hall Project, in the amount of \$97,000.00 from CPC Funds; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend funding Article #49, CPC VMB Masonry Project, in the amount of \$450,000.00 by CPC Borrowing; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Old Business/New Business:

Charles Aspinwall:

There is a \$61,706.00 surplus for FY15.

Tom Krimmel made a motion to recommend approval of payment to Our Town Publishing in the amount of \$3,199.50 for printing of the Finance Committee Annual Spring Report; Jim seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Minutes Approval:

Susan Vecchi made a motion to approve the April 16, 2014 meeting minutes as written; Tom Krimmel seconded. Vote: 5/0 motion carries unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings:

May 7, 2014 Pre-Town Meeting/Public Hearing 7:30 PM
May 12, 2014 Middle/High School Room 104 6:30 PM
Town Meeting: Monday May 12, 2014 7:30 PM

Adjourn:

Rich Molloy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM; Tom Krimmel seconded. Vote 6/0 motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Gilmore