

Finance Committee Meeting

October 30, 2013 7:30 PM  
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  
Craig Schultze  
Jim Smith  
Charles Aspinwall, Town Administrator  
Charles Vecchi, Board of Selectmen  
Steve Catalano, School Committee  
Lisa Hardin, Town Clerk  
James McCaffrey, Moderator

Peter Jurmain called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Pre-Town Meeting/Public Hearing:

Peter Jurmain called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

Article Recommendations:

Article #1 Rezone I-P-2 District for Agricultural Retail Use:	Recommended
Article #2 Zoning Changes: Adult Entertainment & Medical Marijuana:	Recommended
Article #3 Cedar Street/Farm Street Sewer Project:	Recommended
Article #4 Rescind Chapter 90 Appropriation:	Recommended
Article #5 Rosenfeld Road Drain Modification:	Recommended
Article #6 DPW Truck:	Recommended
Article #7 DPW SCADA Computers:	Recommended
Article #8 DPW Well/Station Heaters:	Recommended
Article #9 Veterans Memorial Building Boiler:	Recommended
Article #10 Veterans Memorial Building Flooring:	Recommended
Article #11 Veterans Memorial Building Masonry Design Services:	Recommended
Article #12 Veterans Memorial Building Gym Painting Project:	Dismissed
Article #13 DPW Union Contract Settlement:	Recommended
Article #14 Police Union Contract Settlement:	Dismissed
Article #15 Dispatch Union Contract Settlement:	Dismissed
Article #16 Traffic Supervisors Union Contract Settlement:	Recommended
Article #17 Stabilization Fund:	Recommended

Article #18 OPEB Trust Fund:	Dismissed
Article #19 Veterans Tax Work Off Program:	Recommended
Article #20 Former Centennial Park Hazardous Waste Study/Abatement:	Recommended
Article #21 Regional Energy Manager:	Dismissed
Article #22 Former Dewey Property Tree Line Cutting:	Recommended
Article #23 Ellice School Improvements:	Recommended
Article #24 Designate Bullard Lane a Scenic Road:	Recommended
Article #25 Unpaid Bills:	RATM
Article #26 Rabies Prevention Revolving Fund:	Recommended
Article #27 Council on Aging Addition to Personnel Plan & 2% Increase:	Recommended
Article #28 Reclassification Request:	Recommended
Article #29 Community Notification System:	Recommended
Article #30 Special Needs Van:	Recommended
Article #31 American Legion Post Heating System:	Recommended
Article #32 Petitioned Article – Sports Field Complex:	Dismissed
Article #33 Feasibility Study – Town Fields	Recommended
Article #34 Urban Domesticated Fowl or Rabbit Regulations:	Recommended

Pre-Town Meeting/Public Hearing closed at 8:17 PM.

Town Meeting Procedure:

James McCaffrey, Moderator:

The Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen will be seated on the stage at Town Meeting.

Transportation Revolving Fund Spending Limit Increase Request:

Steve Catalano:

The School Committee is requesting an increase in their spending limit from \$90,000.00 to \$400,000.00. The beginning balance and projected revenues total \$415,701.00. Expenditures for salaries, maintenance & supplies and the purchase of six vans total \$393,049.00. There has been a substantial increase in SPED revenues; approximately \$150,000.00 and there are extensive contracts with surrounding towns for SPED transportation. The increase needs to be expedited as there are costs already incurred that will go beyond the fund's limit.

Discussion:

The Revolving Fund was established for the use of one bus, maintenance and one driver for parents paying bus fees for their children's transportation to and from school. The question was raised if parents paying bus fees are actually paying for SPED transportation; the bus lease funds appropriated at the May Town Meeting should not be used to pay for transportation of students paying fees to be bussed. The cost of one bus lease should be part of the fund's expenses. The committee requested more information on the revolving fund's revenues and expenses before raising the limit to \$400,000.00 but agreed to temporarily raise the limit to \$150,000.00.

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend raising the Transportation Revolving Fund limit to \$150,000.00; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #25 Unpaid Bills:

The committee will recommend at Town Meeting.

Article #14 Police Union Contract Settlement & Article #15 Dispatch Union Contract Settlement:

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend dismissal of Article #14 & Article #15; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Funding/Appropriation Schedule:

Charles Aspinwall:

Article #3 Cedar Street/Farm Street Sewer Project in the amount of \$391,000.00 will be funded by Borrowing.

Article #4 Rescind \$137,992.00 from the Chapter 90 Appropriation.

Article #5 Rosenfeld Road Drain Modification in the amount of \$12,000.00 will be funded by Free Cash.

Article #6 DPW Truck in the amount of \$64,384.00 will be funded by the Water & Sewer Enterprise Funds.

Article #7 DPW Scada Computers in the amount of \$21,473.98 will be funded by the Water & Sewer Enterprise Funds.

Article #8 DPW Well/Station Heaters in the amount of \$22,545.00 will be funded by the Water & Sewer Enterprise Funds.

Article #9 Veterans Memorial Building Boiler in the amount of \$102,240.00 will be funded by Borrowing.

Article #10 Veterans Memorial Building Flooring in the amount of \$15,125.00 will be funded by Taxation.

Article #11 Veterans Memorial Building Masonry – Design Services in the amount of \$30,000.00 will be funded by Taxation.

Article #13 DPW Union Contract Settlement in the amount of \$19,500.00 will be funded by \$8,698.00 from Taxation, \$7,833.00 from Water Enterprise Fund and \$2,969.00 from Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Article #16 Traffic Supervisors Union Contract Settlement in the amount of \$713.00 will be funded by Taxation.

Article #17 Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$83,410.00 will be funded by \$30,500.00 from Taxation and \$52,910.00 from Free Cash.

Article #20 Former Centennial Park Hazardous Waste Study/Abatement in the amount of \$29,000.00 will be funded by Taxation.

Article #22 Former Dewey Property Tree Line Cutting in the amount of \$3,950.00 will be funded by CPC Open Space Funds.

Article #23 Ellice School Improvements in the amount of \$12,500.00 will be funded by CPC Historical Reserve Funds.

Article #25 Unpaid Bills in the amount of \$11,746.13 will be funded \$2,429.45 from Taxation, \$9,152.00 from Free Cash, \$122.68 from Water Enterprise Fund and \$42.00 from Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Article #27 Council on Aging Driver and Receptionist 2% Increase in the amount of \$500.00 will be funded by Taxation.

Article #28 Reclassification Request in the amount of \$2,312.00 will be funded by Taxation.

Article #29 Community Notification System in the amount of \$4,895.00 will be funded by Free Cash.

Article #30 Special Needs Van in the amount of \$22,577.00 will be funded by Taxation.

Article #31 American Legion Post Heating System in the amount of \$8,200.00 will be funded by Taxation.

Article #33 Feasibility Study – Town Fields in the amount of \$30,000.00 will be funded by Taxation.

Article #29 Community Notification System:

Charles Aspinwall:

After further review, there is a one-time \$400.00 charge for this service bringing the total to \$4,895.00.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to reconsider Article #29, Community Notification System; Doug Riley seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of Article #29, Community Notification System, in the amount of \$4,895.00 from Free Cash; Tom Krimmel seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Old Business/New Business:

Susan Vecchi made a motion to recommend approval of an invoice payable to Our Town Publishing in the amount of \$2,956.20 for printing the Finance Committee Report; Rich Molloy seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Minutes Approval:

Susan Vecchi made a motion to approve the October 23, 2013 meeting minutes as written; Jim Smith seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings:

November 4, 2013 Middle/High School Room 104 6:30 PM  
Town Meeting: Monday November 4, 2013

Adjourn:

Susan Vecchi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM; Jim Smith seconded. Vote 7/0 motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deirdre Gilmore