

Finance Committee Minutes  
Guidance Room, North Reading High School  
October 3, 2011

Present: Ms. Hurlbut, Mr. Wolpin, Mr. Kelliher, Mr. Mastascusa, John Veneziano,  
Mr. Johnson and Joe Duffy

Absent: Mr. Pulver

Guests: Laurianne Galvin, John Murphy, Moderator, Maureen Stevens and Marty Tilton,  
Parks Director

Chair brought the meeting to order at 6:10 PM

Ms. Hurlbut advised members that Articles 14 & 15 would be passed over.

Mr. Kelliher and Ms. Hurlbut met with the Town Administrator and were supplied with  
Source & Schedules of funds for Articles 5 & 6.

Mr. Kelliher advised members that the price for the two cruisers is now at \$75,000 with  
equipment added. He also advised them that the equipment would not be transferrable to  
other vehicles. Also, the lawnmower requested by Parks & Rec. is now at \$52,000, and  
the Board of Selectmen voted in favor of the increase.

**Article 13 – Fund Open Space and Recreation Plan Consultant**

**Mr. Kelliher moved to not support Article 13. Mr. Wolpin seconded the motion and  
it was voted 6-0-1, Mr. Mastascusa abstained.**

Marty Tilton, Director of Parks and Rec. entered the meeting to explain the increase in  
the lawnmower. Mr. Tilton explained that the mower was requested last year and was set  
aside then. In July he put a request in again for the \$52,000 mower. He said he never  
requested a \$14,000 mower. Mr. Tilton said Parks & Rec. is taking on more  
responsibilities with larger areas. This mower would be more efficient. Mr. Kelliher  
asked what other options were looked into. Mr. Tilton said he looked at a few and talked  
with the Hillview. He demo's a few and felt the quality was not the same. He said this  
mower will fit on his current trailer. Mr. Wolpin asked if this machine will affect the  
department's budget. He said it's not the money but rather this mower would be more  
efficient and would decrease man hours to free them up for other things. Mr. Tilton said  
this new mower will be good for 10 years. Their current mowers are 5 & 10 years old  
and they have spent \$8700 in maintenance repairs this year. They do their own  
maintenance. Maureen Stevens said that this new mower will cut thick, wet grass, which  
the current machines will not. Mr. Tilton said this machine can be broken down from  
11' to 10". A delay to the June 2012 budget would lose them mowing time in the spring.

**Mr. Mastascusa moved to recommend Article 5. Mr. Wolpin seconded the motion.** Discussion: Ms. Hurlbut said Parks & Rec. have saved money in other areas and she feels that if this machine is more efficient; she would support. **Voted: unanimously in favor.**

**Article 8 – Appropriate Rebates for Future Conservation Projects**

**Mr. Kelliher moved to approve. Mr. Mastascusa seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously in favor.**

**Article 6 – FY 2012 Capital Improvement Plan**

**Mr. Wolpin moved to recommend Article 6 for \$85,000, funding source free cash, for Radio system, SPED Van, Develop Building Master Plan for Town, Install Town Hall Emergency Generator and bonding \$240,000 for the 10 Wheel Dump – Sander/Wing Plow for a total of \$325,000. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously in favor.**

**Article 9 – Appropriate Money to Stabilization Fund**

**Mr. Mastascusa moved to transfer \$50,000 into the Stabilization fund from free cash. Mr. Kelliher seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously in favor.**

**Article 10 - Transfer Funds to Capital Stabilization Fund**

**Mr. Veneziano moved to transfer \$108,500 into the Capital Stabilization Fund from free cash. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion and it was voted 6-1-0, Mr. Wolpin against.**

**Article 11 – Transfer Funds to Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund.**

**Mr. Wolpin moved to transfer \$24,082 into the Post Retirement Trust Fund. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously in favor.**

**Article 12 – Flag Pole Replacement**

**Mr. Mastascusa moved to fund Article 12 in the amount of \$5,000 from raise and appropriate. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously in favor.**

At 7:05 members moved into Town Meeting. Town Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_