



APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Selectmen's Meeting Room

Present: Chairman, Elaine Kelly
Rick Nieber
Janice Hight
Dan McInnis
Bob D'Amico
Tony Poteete

Also Present: John W. Coderre, Town Administrator
Kathy Joubert, Town Planner

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

R. Nieber moved approval of the Meeting Minutes of the March 24th meeting; B. D'Amico seconded; approved unanimously.

Community Preservation Committee & Town Planner Presentation

Town Planner Kathy Joubert reviewed some of the major building projects in Town. She also discussed the Northborough Crossing Development which is on track to open in late 2011.

E. Kelly asked what percentage of the commercial property is currently vacant. K. Joubert will provide the information.

Town Planner Kathy Joubert reviewed the CPA Town Meeting Warrant Articles 36-42.

The Town Administrator reviewed the final Town Meeting Warrant. The Committee proceeded to vote its recommendations for the following articles:

Article 4 - Town Budget - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 5 - Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Funds - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 6 - Water Expense Budget Shortfall - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 7 - Northborough K-8 Schools' Budget - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 8 - Algonquin Regional High School Budget - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 9 - Assabet Budget - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 10 - Library Grants - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 11 - Authorization to Board of Selectmen for Grant Applications - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 12 - Revolving Accounts – Combines Articles 13 – 18 - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Articles 13-18 - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 19 - Appropriations Committee Reserve Fund - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 20 - Purchase Fire Ambulance - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 21 - Purchase Fire Pick-up Truck - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 22 - Purchase Police Dispatch/Station Phone System - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 23 - Purchase DPW Garage Truck Lift - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 24 - Purchase DPW Pick-up Truck with Plow - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 25 - Purchase DPW Street Sweeper - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 26 - Purchase DPW Dump Truck with Plow - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 27 - Northborough Schools – Peaslee Roof Repairs - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 28 - Northborough Schools – Green Repair Project at Melican Middle School - J. Hight moved to defer recommendation on this article until additional information becomes available at Town Meeting regarding the final scope of the project.

Article 29 - Northborough Schools – Lincoln Street School Feasibility Study - By consensus, Committee passed over article with the understanding it will be passed over, since Massachusetts School Building Assistance has not approved the project.

Article 30 - Acceptance of Chapter 479 of the Acts of 2008 (OPEB Trust Fund) - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 36 - Community Preservation Fund – Affordable Housing Corporation - J. Hight moved to recommend approval subject to a written agreement between NAHC and the Town of Northborough; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 37 - Community Preservation Fund – DPW Church Street Bridge - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 38 - Community Preservation Fund – Historic Reserve Revenue - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 39 - Community Preservation Fund – Historical Commission - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Article 40 - Community Preservation Fund - Purchase land at 0 Green Street for Open Space Preservation - J. Hight moved to defer recommendation on this article until Town Meeting.

Article 41 - Community Preservation Fund – Community Open Space Reserve - J. Hight moved to defer recommendation on this article until Town Meeting since it is a contingent article which becomes moot if Article 40 passes. If Article 40 fails, passage of this Article will be necessary to meet the minimum requirements under the Community Preservation Act.

Article 42 - Community Preservation Fund – Expenses Associated with Community Preservation Committee - J. Hight moved to recommend approval; R. Nieber seconded; unanimously approved.

Discuss and make appointment to Financial Planning Committee

Committee discussed the qualifications of the various applicants. R. Nieber moved to appoint Richard Smith to the Financial Planning Committee; D. McInnis seconded; unanimously approved.

Adjournment

9:30 p.m. – R. Nieber moved to adjourn; D. McInnis seconded, unanimously approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 14th for the purpose of finishing the Appropriations Committee's Recommendations report to Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Coderre

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