



## APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 22, 2012

7:30 p.m.

Selectmen's Meeting Room

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Present: Chairman, Elaine Kelly  
Rick Nieber  
Dan McInnis  
Janice Hight

Absent: Bob D'Amico  
Tony Poteete

Also present: Kathy Joubert, Town Planner  
John Campbell, Community Preservation Committee Chair (left at 8 p.m.)

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Community Preservation Committee Presentation – Chair John Campbell, and Town Planner Kathy Joubert

State model for CPA funding is estimated to be about 22% - 25% for FY13. John Campbell reviewed the CPA Warrant Articles 37 – 44.

ARTICLE 37

\$350,000 for upgrade of heating system in the town hall (\$250,000 from new funds and \$100,000 from unreserved fund)

ARTICLE 38

\$50,000 for Conservation Commission Fund (new funds)

ARTICLE 39

\$7200 to Historical Society for organ repair and restoration (new funds)

ARTICLE 40

\$5000 to Historical Commission for inventory and assessment of colonial era gravestones at Howard Street Cemetery and Brigham Street Burial Ground (new funds)

ARTICLE 41

\$50,000 for Historical Reserve Fund (\$6600 from new funds and \$43,400 from unreserved fund)

ARTICLE 42

\$100,000 to Housing Authority for demolition of former senior center building (new funds)

ARTICLE 43

\$11,015 to CPC for debt service (\$4600 estimate temporary BAN interest and \$6215 bond issuance costs for April 2013 from new funds)

ARTICLE 44

\$24,000 to CPC for administrative purposes (new funds)

Town Planner provided an update on recent and ongoing economic development in Town.

Overview of General Government Budget

The Town Administrator provided a revised summary of the General Fund Budget. Health Insurance renewals came in very favorable at 3.34%, or \$150,846. The reasonable renewal allowed some modest increases in the capital outlay account for the Fire Department and DPW road maintenance accounts.

Overview of Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Town Administrator reviewed the Warrant draft of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting Warrant that will be voted on at the March 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The main changes involve the addition of 5 citizen petitions, for of which are proposed zoning changes.

Other Business

Committee received a packet of requested information from the School Department.

Next Joint Meeting

March 26<sup>th</sup> with Board of Selectmen – 7 p.m. Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Adjournment

J. Hight moved to adjourn; R. Nieber seconded; motion was unanimous.

9:00 p.m. – adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Coderre, Town Administrator