

MINUTES

FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

January 11, 2007

Present: Chair Jason Perreault
Vice Chair James Halpin
James Casella
David DeVries
Michael Hodge

Absent: Roger Leland

Also Present: Town Administrator
School Superintendent
Northborough School Committee Chair Nancy Berglund and Member Susan Sartori
Northborough/Southborough Regional School Committee Chair Shirley Lundberg

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Approval of January 4, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Approval of minutes of the January 4, 2007 meeting was moved by Jim Casella, seconded by David DeVries, and carried unanimously.

The School Superintendent provided a review of the Northborough K-8 Schools' Capital Improvement Projects.

The Committee discussed with the School Superintendent whether the Sewer Project for the Melican Middle School should be included for FY 2008. The issue is whether the State DEP will grant a waiver for the existing septic system which would allow the project to be deferred.

The School Superintendent outlined the new State School Building Program Regulations which require that the State conduct a Feasibility Study for a project and, based on the Study, a community would then request local funds for both architectural services and construction at one time. As such, funding for architectural services and construction for the Lincoln Street Elementary School Project is being requested for FY 2009.

In response to a Committee question, the replacement of the Gym Floor at the Melican Middle School is not a health issue.

The School Superintendent provided an update on the Status of Construction for the Regional High School Addition/Renovation project. Construction should be substantially complete by

February/early March. The auditorium should be completed by early March. The Superintendent anticipates the State Audit on the Project this Spring.

The School Superintendent indicated that the School Administrative Offices will be temporarily locating at the Neary School in Southborough. The lease at the Bearfoot location ends August 31, 2006 and will not be renewed. The School Superintendent indicated the long-range plan is to house the Central Office at the Regional High School property in a new stand-alone building to be constructed.

The School Superintendent indicated the Regional High School Debt issue is still under review and will be discussed at the January 17, 2007 Regional School Committee Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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