

MINUTES

FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

February 1, 2007

Present: Chair Jason Perreault
David DeVries
James Halpin
Roger Leland
Michael Hodge

Absent: Jim Casella

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2007

Motion was made to approve minutes; seconded, approved unanimously.

Minutes of January 18, 2007 Meeting plan to be available at next meeting.

The Committee discussed the Capital Projects for FY 2008.

The Chair suggested adding a column to the spreadsheet to indicate items that are funded from other sources; all agreed.

The Committee reviewed priority definitions.

Regarding the new *Ambulance* – it becomes a *Priority 1* due to recent breakdowns.

It is still unknown what the final costs of the Senior Center construction and Library expansion will be. Also unknown is if the Melican Middle School gets the DEP waiver.

The *Library* project is a *Priority 3*, but if the Project were to fail at Town Meeting, and renovations of the current facility were required, the Project would become a *Priority 1*.

The Committee is seeking clarification on water meters being a Warrant article. This has been a multi-year project.

School furniture was discussed at length. The question is: does it qualify as a Capital item. The Committee struggled with this last year and came to a conclusion this year – it is not a Capital Project simply because the scope of furniture requiring replacement is significant. The desire of the Committee is to see an increase in the operating budget.

The Committee then prioritized Projects:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Fire Department Ambulance	1
Public Works Garage Roof	1
Brigham Sewer	1
Water Tanks	1
MMS Sewer *assuming waiver not granted	1
Dump Truck	2
Sweeper	2
Backhoe	2
School Kitchen Equipment	2
School Technology	2
MIS/GIS – Aerial Photography	3
Library	3
Senior Center	3
Water Meters	4
Proctor School Doors	4
School Classroom Furniture	None

See spreadsheet on votes.

The Chair updated the Committee on the School reimbursement issue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.