



Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 28, 2010

Place: Lower Town Hall

Present:

Howard Fortner	P	Mark Andrews	P	Peter DeMers	P
Bruce Desilets	P	Christine Horwath	P	Ed Maharay	P
Richard Young	P				

1. Call to Order: 7:00 PM

2. Reopen Public Hearing

[Motion/Second/Discussion Vote](#)

Motion	To reopen the Public Hearing for the SATM				
1st	MA	2nd	RY	Vote	7-0-0

3. Article 4 Omni bus Budget

The Committee, Town Manager and Finance Director reviewed the proposed FY11 Budget in light of previous night's public hearing on the School Department budget and the expected House vote that will reduce school funding (Chapter 70) by 4%. It was agreed that since the responsibility for forecasting the town's revenues belongs to the Town manager and financial staff and the Charter stipulates that the Town Manager is responsible for presenting a balanced budget at town meeting, the Committee would vote on the Town Manager's budget.

[Motion/Second/Discussion Vote](#)

Motion	Recommend favorable action on the FY11 Budget of \$33,675,357 (Exhibits I & II of the SATM warrant)				
1st	EM	2nd	CH	Vote	6-1-0

Howard Fortner, chair, voted against the motion because he thought the salary increases for the teachers was too high and inequitable in light of the fact that other town employees would be getting no increases for the third year in a row. The committee, while voting for the motion, asked these thoughts be included in the explanation of the vote.

Article 2 FY10 Inter/Inter Departmental Transfers

David Genereux, Finance Director, walked the committee through the transfers. The significant moves involved transfers from the Stabilization Fund, including \$82,415 for Snow & Ice and \$130,000 for Unemployment Compensation. Mike Szlosek, Town Manager,

felt an additional \$30K-\$40K would have to be added to Snow & Ice. The Finance Director warned that additional funds will probably have to be put in the Unemployment account depending on further cuts to the FY11 Budget.

4. Close Public Hearing

[Motion/Second/Discussion Vote](#)

Motion	To close the Public Hearing for the SATM				
1st	CH	2nd	RY	Vote	7-0-0

5. Recommendations on SATM articles

Article 1 Reports

[Motion/Second/Discussion Vote](#)

Motion	No recommendation on Article 1				
1st	MA	2nd	CH	Vote	7-0-0

Article 2 FY10 Inter/Inter Departmental Transfers

[Motion/Second/Discussion Vote](#)

Motion	Recommend favorable action on Article 2				
1st	MA	2nd	CH	Vote	7-0-0

Article 3 Prior Year Bills – Pass Over

Article 12 Capital Exclusion: Bridge Culvert Survey

[Motion/Second/Discussion Vote](#)

Motion	No recommendation on Article 12				
1st	EM	2nd	CH	Vote	7-0-0

Article 13 Amend Zoning Bylaw: Life Science

[Motion/Second/Discussion Vote](#)

Motion	Recommend unfavorable action on Article 13				
1st	MA	2nd	BD	Vote	7-0-0

6. Old/New Business

a. Questions for the School Building Committee (SBC)

The chair reviewed a list of questions for the SBC (attached). The secretary will pass along the questions to the SBC.

[Motion/Second/Discussion Vote](#)

Motion	Request the School Building Committee forward questions to the appropriate town office for answer and that the answers be given at a public meeting.				
1st	MA	2nd	HF	Vote	7-0-0

b. The chair recommended a meeting on Revolving Funds to include the School Business Manager, School Committee, Finance Director, Town Accountant and Finance Committee. The committee was in favor of such ad meeting and asked the chair to set it up.

c. Public hearing for Special Town Meeting (STM)

The warrant closes for the STM on May 5. It was recommended that the public hearings be held as close as possible to the meeting date (June 19). The date of the hearing will be set at the May 11 meeting of the committee.

- d. Presenters for Article 1 (High School Project) at the public hearing
Who should the presenters be for the high school article? This will be determined at the May 11 meeting.

7. Adjournment (Next Meeting May 11, 2010)

[Motion/Second/Discussion Vote](#)

Motion	Adjourn meeting at 9:22 PM				
1st	MA	2nd	BD	Vote	7-0-0



Finance Committee Approval Sheet

Name	Signature	Date
Howard Fortner		
Mark Andrews		
Peter DeMers		
Bruce Desilets		
Christine Horwath		
Ed Maharay		
Rick Young		