

Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts Finance Committee Meeting Minutes



Date: October 27, 2010

Place: Lower Town Hall

Present:

Peter DeMers	P	Mark Andrews	P	Howard Fortner	P
Christine Horwath	P	Ed Maharay	P	John Morawski	P
Ray Wright	P				

1. Call to Order: 7:00 PM

2. Minutes -- No action taken.

3. Fall Annual Town Meeting
Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To open the public hearing on the warrant for the Fall Annual Town Meeting				
1st	MA	2nd	CH	Vote	6-0-1

Articles 11 through 18 – Street Acceptances

Benn Sherman, Director of the Department of Public Works, informed the committee that all of the streets were ready to be accepted with the exception of Jodie Circle (Article 12). Michael Szlosek, Town Manager, reviewed legal status of the streets. Both the Town Manager and DPW Director recommended all of the streets be accepted with the exception of Jodie Circle. The Board of Selectmen is schedule to vote on accepting the streets November 8th.

Article 19 – Amend Charter 400 Article V General Regulations of the Zoning Bylaws – Common Driveways

Dr. Charles Lutton, chair of the Planning Board, indicated the town currently does not have a bylaw governing common driveways. The Planning Board felt the need to establish such a bylaw after the courts allowed a development with multiple homes to share the same driveway. Among other issues, the board was concerned about emergency access to homes.

Article 20 – Amend Chapter 400 Article VII Special Residential Regulations of the Zoning Bylaws – Retreat Lots

The purpose of the article is to provide reasonable use of backland for single family use. The Planning Board addressed concerns that the bylaw might be used to create multiple family housing developments out of a large parcel of land. The board indicated that the bylaw limited its use to single family homes and allowed only one lot for a lot owned by the same individual,

etc. To create a “retreat” lot, the owner would have to have 330 ft. of street frontage (300 ft for the house and 30 ft for the access to the “retreat” lot) and the new lot would have to be 1.5 times the minimum area otherwise required.

Article 21 – Amend the Zoning Bylaws Section 400-13 Appendix B – Table of Dimensional Requirements

The article is a petition article and changes the definition to apply to “apartment”, not “dwelling”. The Planning Board had no significant comments to make on the article.

Article 22 – Amend Article X, Definitions of the Zoning Bylaws

The article, sponsored by the Board of Selectmen, amends the definition of “Life Sciences and Life Sciences Technology”. Dr. Lutton, who wrote the original definition, did not see the need for the change.

Article 5 – FY11 Budget Amendments

David Genereux, Finance Director, provided additional information on the adjustment to the School Department budget. The State’s Chapter 70 funding was reduced by \$174,132 in June but this reduction will be offset by a grant of an equal amount from the state fiscal stabilization fund.

Article 6 – FY11 Inter/Intra Department Transfers

Mr. Genereux provided the committee with follow up information on the fleet schedule for the School Department and the Farnum House roof.

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To continue the public hearing for the Fall annual meeting on November 3, 2010				
1st	CH	2nd	MA	Vote	6-1-0

4. Old Business

a. New HS building update

Mr. Maharay gave a brief report on the UHS project indicated that the project was progressing according to the schedule. He indicated that the next meeting of the School Building Committee (11/3/10) would identify some major decisions for the project. Mr. Fortin identified a number of concerns he had about the project budget and the contracts with the architect and project manager.

b. Reports

Mr. Genereux provided the committee with a sample report on total compensation which will go to all employees.

c. Charter Review

The committee’s appointees to the review committee have been notified of their appointments. Mr. Szlosek indicated that the BOS has not completed its appointments.

d. E mail

The email accounts for the committee will be set up once the FATM has been completed.

5. New Business

None

6. Recommendations on FATM articles

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	That the committee to begin its recommendations for the FATM				
1st	MA	2nd	CH	Vote	7-0-0

Mr. Fortner objected to Article 1 (and a number of other articles) on the basis that the sponsorship of the article did not comply with the procedures identified by the Charter. The chair stated the committee would act on the article in the warrant. The vice chair asked Mr. Fortner why he wanted to be part of the Finance Committee if he did not want to vote on the merit of the articles. The committee proceeded with its recommendations.

Article 1

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Recommend favorable action on Article 1 – Transfer of Unexpended Unencumbered Fund Balance to Water Enterprise Fund				
1st	MA	2nd	CH	Vote	6-1-0

Article 2

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Recommend favorable action on Article 2 – Transfer of Unexpended Unencumbered Fund Balance to PEG Cable Access Account				
1st	MA	2nd	CH	Vote	6-1-0

Article 5

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Recommend favorable action on Article 5 – FY11 Budget Amendments				
1st	MA	2nd	CH	Vote	6-1-0

Article 6: A1 – A4, Police Department

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Recommend favorable action on Article 6 – Inter/Intra Department Transfers: A1 – A4				
1st	MA	2nd	EM	Vote	6-1-0

Article 6: A5, Town Accountant

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Recommend favorable action on Article 6 – Inter/Intra Department Transfers: A5				
1st	MA	2nd	CH	Vote	5-1-1

Article 6: A6, PEG Access

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Recommend favorable action on Article 6 – Inter/Intra Department Transfers: A6				
1st	MA	2nd	CH	Vote	4-3-0

Article 6: A7, Overlay Reserves

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Recommend favorable action on Article 6 – Inter/Intra Department Transfers: A7				
1st	MA	2nd	CH	Vote	6-1-0

Article 7

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Recommend favorable action on Article 7 – Purchase of a New Fire Apparatus				
1st	MA	2nd	EM	Vote	6-1-0

Article 8

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Recommend favorable action on Article 8 – Acceptance of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5 (54)				
1st	MA	2nd	JM	Vote	6-1-0

Article 9

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Recommend favorable action on Article 9 – Borrowing Rescission; Balance of High School Land Authorization				
1st	EM	2nd	JM	Vote	7-0-0

Article 10

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Recommend favorable action on Article 10 – Acceptance of Land Donation – Old Elmdale Road				
1st	EM	2nd	CH	Vote	6-1-0

Article 11

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Recommend favorable action on Article 11 – Acceptance of Rose Lane				
1st	EM	2nd	CH	Vote	7-0-0

Article 12

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Recommend favorable action on Article 12 – Acceptance of Jodie Circle				
1st	HF	2nd	JM	Vote	4-3-0

Article 13 through 17

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Recommend favorable action on Article 11 – 17 Road acceptances for Long Meadow Road, Foxwood Lane, Deer View Land and Wildlife Drive, Julia Drive, Stanphyl Road and Cassie Lane				
1st	EM	2nd	CH	Vote	7-0-0

Article 18

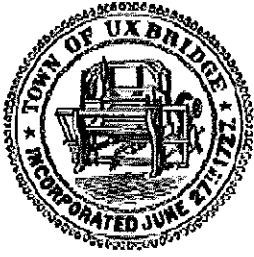
Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Recommend favorable action on Article 18 – Buttermilk Way				
1st	CH	2nd	HF	Vote	6-0-0

7. Adjournment (Next Meeting November 3, 2010)

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Adjourn meeting at 10:10 PM				
1st	JM	2nd	CH	Vote	7-0-0



Finance Committee Approval Sheet

October 27, 2010

Name	Signature	Date
Peter DeMers		11/3/10
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