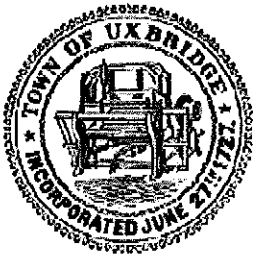




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Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 2, 2011

Place: BOS Meeting Room

Present:

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

1. Call to Order: 7:00 PM
2. Minutes: Passed over until next meeting.
3. Reserve Fund Transfer: \$5000 to Motor Vehicle Maintenance Repair Fund

Unanticipated repairs were needed for the 2007 ambulance. Component failures cost over \$6000, with over \$1000 coming from the current maintenance budget. The transfer now would be reimbursed back to the Reserve Fund at the spring Town Meeting.

A second potential transfer request was discussed briefly to pay for installation of a backup generator for both the fire house and the town hall, the amount being beyond scope of the original project.

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Transfer \$5000 from Reserve Fund: 0100-132-5782-0000-0000-0000-2-0000-0-0 to Motor Vehicle Maintenance Repair Fund: 6520-231-5243-0000-0000-0000-2-0000-6-0				
1 st	MA	2 nd	CH	Vote	4-0-0

4. Uxbridge Public Schools Budget 2011, Revolving Funds, and Budget 2012

School Business Manager Don Sawyer was on hand for the School Department. The FY11 budget is progressing on pace, but is very tight. A few deficits have come up, one in Special Education transportation. The department has made needed adjustments and is still within its budget.

A discussion of the school related revolving funds took place. Mr. Sawyer told the committee that the information we have is not complete. The School Department keeps its own set of books, and that information is not reflected in the numbers that the town presented. Allocations are taken against these accounts, such as salaries and expenses from the Kindergarten tuition fund. School Choice monies pay for the students enrolled at Norfolk Agricultural School. The Circuit Breaker account reflects the funds from the state for the previous year. All of this account is committed for special education expenses.

The School Committee will hold its Public Hearing for the FY12 Budget on February 15th with the formal vote on February 22nd. The Budget will level fund expenses and level service staff.

5. Financial Reports

No surprises from the monthly reports. The committee will review again next month.

6. Worcester Retirement Fund/Health Insurance

The assessment due for FY12 is \$1,063,024 based on about a \$20,000 discount for a single payment. This is \$90,134 less than anticipated and will be available for the municipal and school budgets.

Only Fallon Health insurer has given the town numbers for FY12. They are asking for a 16% increase. Blue Cross Blue Shield has not given the town a figure yet.

7. Capital Plan

The Capital Plan was prepared based on last year's recommendations. There are few changes. Some items for school building could be removed based on the new High school project.

The Committee could not achieve a quorum at its last meeting. It is short one committee member. It is looking at the possibility of borrowing for replacement of several DPW heavy equipment pieces.

8. Old Business

Police Station Energy Audit: Chief Freitas is pursuing lighting upgrades and upgrades to the HVAC system to allow better control.

Revenue Sharing: No decisions have been made as of yet. David Genereux, Town Finance Director, stated that the agreement has done its job of achieving equity between each side.

9. New Business

Town Charter: With the Charter Review Committee working, Chair Peter DeMers would like the Finance Committee to consider this an opportunity to propose changes. The Committee has discussed before changes to which warrant articles that it should review. Peter has reviewed other towns and the Finance Committee commitments. Peter would like a

smaller group to work on proposing changes to the full Finance Committee. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

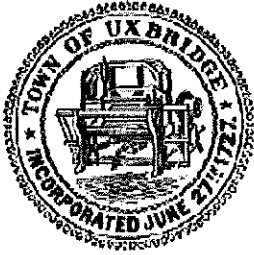
Town Manager and School Budget: The Town Manager may have more authority over the school budget than the town has traditionally used. The Chair wants the Town Manager much more involved in the school's budgets. Cities in the state often have mayors who are head of the School Committee.

Street Acceptance: Mark Andrews sent letters to our local representatives and Senator to work toward streamlining acceptance from the town. Buyers of houses on unaccepted streets should be giving a document explaining their responsibility. Mark has also asked the Board of Selectmen to help start this process.

10. Adjournment

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Adjourn meeting at 10:10 PM				
1st	JM	2nd	MA	Vote	4-0-0



Finance Committee Approval Sheet

Name	Signature	Date
Peter DeMers	<i>Peter DeMers</i>	03/09/2011
Mark Andrews	<i>Mark Andrews</i>	03/09/2011
Howard Fortner		
Christine Horwath	<i>Christine Horwath</i>	3/9/11
Ed Maharay		
John Morawski	<i>John Morawski</i>	3/9/11
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