

Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 26, 2011

Place: Board of Selectmen Room

Present:

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

1. Call to Order: 7:00 PM

2. Minutes:

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To accept the minutes of April 12 as modified				
1 st	JM	2 nd	CH	Vote	3-0-0

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To accept the minutes of April 13.				
1 st	MA	2 nd	JM	Vote	3-0-2

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To accept the minutes of April 20.				
1 st	MA	2 nd	JM	Vote	4-0-1

3. Public Hearing:

a. Article 8 – Ambulance Division Budget (Enterprise Fund)

Peter Ostroskey, Fire Chief, presented the proposed FY12 Budget. He indicated that a change in hospital policy would require the town to purchase its own medical supplies and projected it would lead to an increase in cost of \$30,000. The chief said that nine of the ten full time members of the Ambulance Division were certified paramedics.

b. Article 4 – Town Budget

Fire Department (220): Chief Ostroskey and David Genereux, Finance Director, reviewed the proposed budget. The Chief expressed concern about the proposed budget as it did not include funds for personal protection equipment (turnout gear) and includes a cut of \$5K in maintenance. The Chief indicated that the personal protection equipment has a useful life of 10 years and that about one-third of the department's equipment is at 10 years or older.

School Dept. (300) and School Transportation (375): School Superintendent George Zini, School Business Manager Don Sawyer presented the FY12 Budget. Several members of the

School Committee, including its Chair Ernie Esposito, attended the presentation and made comments. The School Committee voted for a FY12 Budget of \$17,138,162 for School Department and \$1,022,284 for School Transportation. Both amounts were in accord with the Revenue Sharing Agreement for FY12. The committee was provided with a 12 page report on the budget, along with a breakdown of school employee salaries for FY09 thru FY11. The subsequent dialogue included discussion about grant funds, school maintenance, school choice “in” and “out”, special education costs, salaries and transportation costs. In response to the four major risks to the proposed budget, Don Sawyer responded:

1. Organization change
2. Health insurance costs
3. Utilities
4. SPED

Unclassified:

Capital Fund (\$100K): The fund was created at the request of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Genereux said that its function was go to pay for small capital items and expected that most of the budget would be used for vehicle replacement and equipment purchases like the turnout gear.

c. Article 22 – Amend Home Rule Charter

The Board of Selectmen is recommending this article be “Passed Over”. When questioned why, Town Manager Mike Szlosek said that both town council and the Attorney General’s Office judged the article to be unconstitutional.

d. Article 2 – FY11 Inter/Intra Departmental Transfers

Mr. Genereux walked the committee through the proposed transfers.

e. Article 3 – Prior Year Bills

The Board of Selectmen is recommending this article be “Passed Over” as there are no prior year bills.

f. Article 11 – Borrowing Authorization – Dump Truck

The cost of the truck is estimated at \$190K and will cost the town \$26,175 annually over a ten year period.

g. Article 10 – Borrowing Authorization – New Front End Loader

This article will be “Pass Over” due to lack of funds or borrowing capacity.

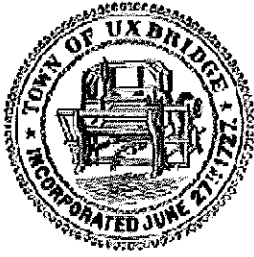
Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To close the public hearing for the 2011 Spring Annual Town Meeting.				
1 st	EM	2 nd	JM	Vote	6-0-0

4. Adjournment:

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To adjourn meeting at 9:57 pm.				
1 st	EM	2 nd	JM	Vote	6-0-0



Finance Committee Approval Sheet

Name	Signature	Date
Peter DeMers		05/10/2011
Mark Andrews		05/10/2011
Howard Fortner		
Christine Horwath		5/10/11
Ed Maharay		
John Morawski		5/10/2011
Ray Wright		