

Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 18, 2012

Place: BOS Meeting Room

Present:

Peter DeMers	P	Mark Andrews	P	Howard Fortner	P
Christine Horwath	P	Maureen Kearnan	P	John Morawski	P
Ray Wright	A				

1. Call to Order: 7:00 PM
2. Special Town Meeting, May 8, 2012 Public Hearing – Article 1: High School Field Project

School Building Committee person Dan Deveau and Selectperson Beth Pitman answered questions about the article. The \$2,000,000 spending would cover a single multipurpose turf field with a track, preparation for lighting, a retaining wall, and a pad for a press box. The field would accommodate football, soccer, and field hockey, as well as track sports.

Borrowing would take 20 years and cost about \$130,000 per year for a total cost of \$2,610,000. The payments would be made part of the town budget, half from the school share, and half from the town share. The article came from suggestions by the Board of Selectmen along with the School Department.

There would still be additional bussing costs back to the current high school site for practices and other sports teams.

The MSBA has made no agreement to raise the maximum project spending.

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Close Hearing for Special Town Meeting				
1st	JM	2nd	PD	Vote	6-0-0

3. Recommendations for Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 1

Discussion between Committee members centered around the burden on the Town operating budget that this spending would cause. The Committee felt that burden was too great while other needed budget items are not fulfilled.

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	UNFAVORABLE Action on Article 1				
1st	MA	2nd	HF	Vote	6-0-0

4. Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles Hearings

ARTICLE 4: Town Budget

Town Hall related departments were reviewed. The Town Manager, Sean Hendricks, provided details about various changes. A part time employee is being added to the accounting staff, with specific payroll and benefits duties.

Raises were given to mostly non-union employees who did not receive a raise of any kind in the current year, and also those whose responsibilities had changed.

Costs have risen to maintain the shuttered Blanchard school.

ARTICLE 6: Revolving Funds

No changes to this routine article.

ARTICLE 17: Street Acceptance Sand Wedge Drive

As of this meeting, the Planning Board had not voted, and the Board of Selectmen is scheduled to vote next Monday. The question of whether the DPW had reviewed the street went unanswered.

ARTICLE 20: Amend Zoning Bylaw Article IX – Enforcement of Non-Criminal Disposition

This is the second article, specific to Zoning Bylaws. Discussion centered around who would be the “enforcing persons” in the article.

ARTICLE 4: Veteran’s Agent

While state reimbursement for this budget has gone up, the spending has as well. The reimbursement is treated like Chapter 70 money for the School department, and kept in the municipal receipts.

5. Recommendations for Spring Annual Town Meeting

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Article 6 Revolving Funds – Favorable Action				
1st	MA	2nd	MK	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Article 7 Revolving Fund Uxbridge Community Gardens – Favorable Action				
1st	MA	2nd	MK	Vote	5-1-0

Motion	Article 8 Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Favorable Action				
1st	MA	2nd	JM	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Article 9 Water Department Enterprise Fund – Favorable Action				
1st	MA	2nd	JM	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Article 10 Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Favorable Action				
1st	MA	2nd	JM	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Article 12 Cable PEG Access Equipment Purchase – Favorable Action				
1st	MA	2nd	CH	Vote	4-2-0

Motion	Article 13 Water Department Equipment – Favorable Action				
1st	MA	2nd	JM	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Article 14 Salt Shed – Favorable Action				
1st	MA	2nd	JM	Vote	3-2-1

Motion	Article 15 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus – Favorable Action				
1st	MA	2nd	HF	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Article 16 Lease of Town Property for Solar Array – UNFAVORABLE Action				
1st	MA	2nd	HF	Vote	5-0-1

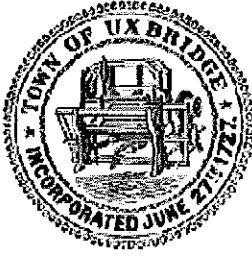
Motion	Article 19 General Bylaw Enforcement – Favorable Action				
1st	MA	2nd	JM	Vote	5-1-0

Motion	Article 19 Zoning Bylaw Enforcement – Favorable Action				
1st	MA	2nd	JM	Vote	5-1-0

6. Adjournment

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Adjourn meeting				
1st	JM	2nd	MK	Vote	6-0-0



Finance Committee Approval Sheet

April 18, 2012

Name	Signature	Date
Christine Horwath	<i>Christine Horwath</i>	5/8/12
Mark Andrews	<i>Mark Andrews</i>	5/8/12
Howard Fortner		
Peter DeMers		
John Morawski	<i>John Morawski</i>	5/8/12
Ray Wright		
Maureen Kearnan	<i>Maureen Kearnan</i>	5/8/12