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Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date:

April 24, 2012

Place:

Board of Selectmen Room

Present:

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

Call to order at 7:00 pm

1. Reserve Fund Transfer Request - Veteran's Agent Budget

The Finance Director, David Genereux, informed the Finance Committee that the Town required \$65,000 in the Veterans' Agent Budget to finish the year, and the Town was short by \$25,492.00. To make up the difference, he requested a Reserve Fund Transfer of \$25,492.00.

The Town is expected to be reimbursed 75% of revenue spent for the Veterans' Agent Budget.

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To approve a Reserve Fund Transfer of \$25,492.00 to the Veterans' Agent Budget.						
1 st	MA	2 nd	JM	Vote	6-0-0		

2. Hearings - Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant

• Article 4 – Budget: School Budgets, including Transportation and any other budgets

Note: This Article was heard second under agenda item number two.

The Superintendent of Schools, George Zini, and the School Business Director, Don Sawyer, spoke to the School Budget and answered questions from the Finance Committee.

Issues discussed included the plan to bring the new Uxbridge High School on-line, moving from three buildings to four buildings, a new transportation contract, which will run about \$30,000 higher than last year, the plan for full day Kindergarten, the location of the Central Administration, the impact of the new UHS on NEASC accreditation and the removal of the "probationary" status label, the iPad initiative, athlete transportation and the logistics and financial considerations of the vote on athletic fields at the upcoming Special Town Meeting, and the impact of School Choice revenues—both In and Out.

Citizens in attendance were offered the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

• Article 2 – FY2012 Inter/Intra Departmental Transfers

Note: This Article was heard fourth under agenda item number two.

Mr. Genereux spoke to the 15 transfers included in this Article for which six are intradepartmental, and nine are interdepartmental.

Article 3 – Prior Year Bills

Note: This Article was heard fifth under agenda item number two.

According to Mr. Genereux, there are no prior year bills.

Article 5 – CMRPC Per Capita Rate/Appropriation

Note: This Article was heard sixth under agenda item number two.

According to the Town Manager, Sean Hendricks, this increase is a necessity, required by the Town's population increase as measured by the 2010 National Census.

Article 18 – Storm Water Management and Erosion Control ByLaw

Note: This Article was heard third under agenda item number two.

The Director, Department of Public Works, Benn Sherman, spoke to this Article and answered the questions of the Finance Committee. The purpose of this Article is to ensure that the Town complies with the provisions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System as promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

No audience was in attendance at this point of the meeting.

Article 21 – Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Enforcement Officer

Note: This Article was heard first under agenda item number two.

This Article is the result of a Citizen's Petition, and its sponsor, Mr. John Congdon, spoke to its merits and answered questions from the Finance Committee.

Citizens in attendance were offered the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To close the Public Hearing for the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant.					
1 st	MA	2 nd	MK	Vote	6-0-0	

3. Recommendations for Spring Town Meeting Article(s)

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To recommend favorable action on Article 2.					
1 st	MA	2 nd	MK	Vote	6-0-0	

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To recommend						
1 st	MA	2 nd	MK	Vote	5-0-1		

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To recommend							
1 st	MA	2 nd	MK	Vote	6-0-0			

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To make no recommendation without prejudice on Article 17.					
1 st	MA	2 nd	JM	Vote	6-0-0	

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To recommend	To recommend favorable action on Article 18.						
1 st	MA	2 nd	JM	Vote	5-0-1			

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To recommend unfavorable action on Article 21.					
1 st	MA	2 nd	HF	Vote	6-0-0	

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To maganaidan th	To reconsider the Finance Committee recommendation on Article 11.						
1 st	MA	2 nd	RW	Vote	4-1-1			

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	10 recommend	To recommend favorable action on Article 11.					
1 st	MA	2 nd	RW	Vote	4-1-1		

4. Adjournment

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To adjourn.				
1 st	MA	2 nd	MK	Vote	6-0-0



Finance Committee Approval Sheet

Name	Signature	Date
Christine Horwath	Ax May 2	4/28/12
John Morawski	Show Howard	6/28/12
Ray Wright	(12)()(rsh)	6/28/12
John DaLomba	V / // // / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /	
Richard Napolillo		
Ron Deleonardis		