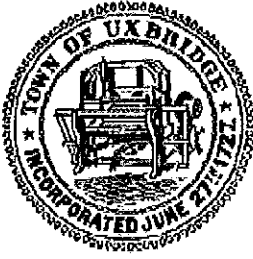


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Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October ³⁰ ~~24~~, 2012

Place: Lower Town Hall

Present:

John DaLomba	P	Richard Napolitano	P	Ronald Deleonardis	P
Christine Horwath	P	Raymond Wright	P	John Morawski - Chair	P

1. No Meeting Minutes
2. Fall Annual Town Meeting Public Hearing

The Finance Committee reviewed the following articles, allowing town officials and citizens to speak about any of the articles.

Article 15 – Amend Home Charter Rule: This very lengthy article was split into the 8 articles of the Charter for review.

Harry Romasco, Chair of the Charter Review Committee, walked the Finance Committee through each of the proposed changes. A full copy of the Charter and proposed changes is part of the Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

- Article 1, Sect.3 removes a redundant paragraph.
- Article 2 seeks to clarify the composition of the Finance Committee. Sect. 4 clarifies Town Meetings as two each year. Sect. 7 makes the changes to be identical to MGL.
- Article 3, Sect. 1 seeks to make the Board of Health elected, not appointed.
- Article 3, Sect. 3 seeks to clarify the role of the Board of Selectmen in association with Charter adoption.
- Article 3, Sect. 6 seeks to clarify the number of elected Library trustees.
- Article 4, Sect. 1 seeks to remove transitional language. Sect. 2 seeks to add a section referring to appointments by the Town Manager.
- Article 5, Sect. 1 seeks to clarify media notification
- Article 6 – Financial and Fiscal Procedures - has several proposed changes/clarifications. Sect 8 seeks to strengthen the importance of the Capital Planning Committee.

- Article 7, Sect. 6 seeks to establish when and how the Charter will be revised. Sect. 7 seeks to clarify meeting agendas be posted at least 48 hours before any meeting.
- Article 8 contains all transitional provisions. Upon acceptance of the above changes, Article 8 will be deleted in its entirety.

Article 16 – Street Acceptance of Sand Wedge Drive – at the time of the meeting, appropriate paperwork was not finished.

Article 17 – Street Acceptance of Murphy’s Way – no information available for the Finance Committee.

Articles 18, 19, and 20 are all rezoning articles. No one spoke to them.

Fire Chief Bill Kessler spoke about article 8 – Ambulance Chassis, and article 9 – First Aid revolving fund, providing additional details on both.

Articles 2 and 3 have not been reviewed as no numbers are available.

VOTING:

Article 4: Prior Year Bills

Motion	Pass Over				
1st	RW	2nd	JD	Vote	6-0-0

Article 5: FY13 Inter/Intra Departmental Transfers

Motion	Close Public Hearing				
1st	CH	2nd	RW	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Favorable Action				
1 st	RW	2 nd	RN	Vote	6-0-0

This is a standard Finance Article to adjust department budgets after the Annual Town Meeting in May.

Article 6: FY13 Budget Amendments

Motion	Close Public Hearing				
1st	RW	2nd	CH	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Favorable Action for Motions 1, 2, 4, and 5				
1 st	CH	2 nd	RW	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Favorable Action for Motion 3				
1 st	RW	2 nd	JD	Vote	5-1-0

This article allows the municipal and school budgets to be adjusted, based on requested changes and revenue adjustments.

Article 7: Funding Appropriation for the Purchase of Cable PEG Access Equipment

Motion	Close Public Hearing				
1st	CH	2nd	RW	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Favorable Action				
1 st	CH	2 nd	RW	Vote	6-0-0

The funds are needed to complete the new High School's cable system.

Article 8: Revolving Fund Account for First Aid/CPR Training

Motion	Close Public Hearing				
1st	RW	2nd	RN	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Favorable Action				
1 st	RW	2 nd	JD	Vote	6-0-0

With this new fund, we will be creating a revenue source that allows for ongoing CPR training for the public and pays for itself.

Article 9: Borrowing Authorization – Ambulance Chassis

Motion	Close Public Hearing				
1st	CH	2nd	RW	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Favorable Action				
1 st	RW	2 nd	DR	Vote	6-0-0

This funding provides a cost effective approach to ambulance replacement, and allows the Ambulance revolving fund not to be drained.

Article 10: Borrowing Authorization – Water Main Design and Construction

Motion	Close Public Hearing				
1st	RW	2nd	CH	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Pass Over				
1 st	CH	2 nd	RW	Vote	6-0-0

Article 11: Transfer from Wastewater Enterprise Retained Fund Earnings for the purpose of Wastewater Division Equipment.

Motion	Close Public Hearing				
1st	RW	2nd	CH	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Favorable Action				
1 st	CH	2 nd	RW	Vote	6-0-0

This is a needed piece of equipment to facilitate maintenance of the town's sewer pipes.

Article 12: Acceptance of MA General Law Ch. 59, Section 5N, Relative to Veteran's Property Tax Work-off Program

Motion	Close Public Hearing				
1st	CH	2nd	RW	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Favorable Action				
1 st	CH	2 nd	RW	Vote	6-0-0

This provision helps the veterans cover their property taxes, while providing the town assistance with many jobs around town.

Article 13: Citizen's Petition – Establish Community Gardens Committee

Motion	Close Public Hearing				
1st	RW	2nd	DR	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Favorable Action				
1 st	RW	2 nd	DR	Vote	6-0-0

The Finance Committee sees the many benefits of the community gardens and welcomes the committee, much like other specialty committees in town.

Article 14: Citizen's Petition – Revolving Fund Account for Community Gardens

Motion	Close Public Hearing				
1st	CH	2nd	RW	Vote	6-0-0

Motion	Favorable Action				
1 st	CH	2 nd	RW	Vote	6-0-0

Similar to other revolving funds, this will help the Community Gardens with anticipated revenues, grants, etc.

Article 15: Amend the Home Rule Charter

Leave Open for further discussion and review.

Article 16: Citizen's Petition – Street Acceptance – Sand Wedge Drive

Motion	Close Public Hearing				
1st	RW	2nd	CH	Vote	6-0-0

Article 17: Citizen's Petition – Street Acceptance – Murphy's Way

Motion	Close Public Hearing				
1st	RW	2nd	CH	Vote	5-0-0

Articles 18, 19, and 20 – leave open for further discussion and review.

3. New/Old Business

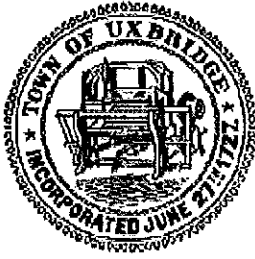
The Capital Planning committee has been meeting regularly, discussing plans with all department heads.

4. Adjournment

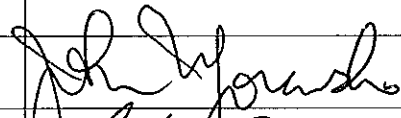

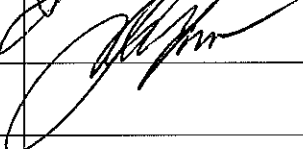
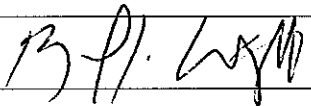
The Finance Committee will meet again on November 5th for further hearings on Article 15, and any others.

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	Adjourn meeting				
1st	RW	2nd	CH	Vote	6-0-0



Finance Committee Approval Sheet

Name	Signature	Date
John Morawski		11-20-2012
John DaLomba		
Ronald Deleonardis		11/20/12
Christine Horwath		
Richard Nappolillo		
Ray Wright		11/20/12