

Town of Wayland
Finance Committee
Meeting – November 3, 2008
Attendees Minutes

In attendance: Sam Peper
Cherry Karlson
Richard Stack
Bob Lentz
Sue Pope
Chris Riley (arrived at 7:19)
Dave Gutschenritter (arrived at 7:19)

Michael DiPietro (Finance Director)

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm
2. Welcome and introduction of John Bladon, new finance committee member effective upon the completion of Special Town Meeting. John is replacing Chris Riley who has resigned effective at the adjournment of the November 12, 2008 Special Town Meeting.
3. No public comment
4. **Motion:** Approved Minutes of 10/14/08. Vote: 4-0-1.
5. Presentation and discussion lead by Zach Ventures of the Fincom commissioned review of Peer Town selection criteria. The objective is to develop objective criteria for selecting Peer Towns to benchmark Wayland's performance.
6. Discussed Article #12 – Water Meter Reading Program. Joel Goodmonson Water Commissioner joined the discussion and provided that the program is intended for water conservation and to implement a suggestion by the DEP that monthly billing would help residents conserve water usage. The article provides for the purchase and installation of wireless transponders on each water meter, which will allow for the monthly collection of water usage and monthly billing. **Motion:** To approve Article #12. Approved: 7-0.
7. Discussed Article #18 of the STM – Establishment of Temporary Study Committee to Review the Master Plan. Malcolm Astley and Bill Sterling, lead petitioners, participated in the discussion.
 - a. The original article submitted by the petitioners (and previously voted by the Fincom) was subsequently modified by the petitioners.

- b. The petitioners presented the new wording which had been discussed with the Planning Board. The Planning Board approved the article based on the wording presented to them by the Petitioners.
 - c. The wording submitted in the article was slightly changed from the words discussed and approved by the Planning Board.
 - d. **Motion:** To reconsider the Finance Committee vote on Article 18 as voted on 10/14/08. Approved: 7-0.
 - e. **Motion:** To approve Article #18 as currently submitted by the petitioners. Not approved: 0-7.
 - f. **Motion:** To approve Article #18 if the petitioners amend the article at STM to delete the last 3 word in paragraph b – “and Town Meeting” which would make the wording consistent with the wording approved by the Planning Board. Approved: 7-0. This vote will be reflected parenthetically in the warrant under the Fincom vote.
8. Mike DiPietro presented the Capital Budget requests which included the requests for 2010 and the five and 10 year plan. It was suggested that each Fincom member meet with their liaison boards to discuss their respective capital requests.
9. Next Meetings: November 12 @ 7:00 (just prior to Special Town Meeting at the Middle School) and December 1 @ 7:00.
10. Meeting adjourned: 10:06 pm.

Submitted by:

Bob Lentz