



TOWN OF WAYLAND

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Finance Committee
John Bladon
Cherry C. Karlson
Dave Gutschenritter
Robert L. Lentz
Sam H. Peper
Susan W. Pope
Richard M. Stack

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes February 2, 2009

The meeting was called at 7:10PM in the Wayland Town Building.

Attendance: S Peper, R. Stack, S. Pope, J. Bladon, Bob Lentz,

Absent: C. Karlson, D. Gutschenritter

Also present: Finance Director/Town Accountant, M. DiPietro

Budget Hearing:

Sam Peper presented the proposed FY2010 Omnibus Budget and opened the floor for public comment at 7:30PM.

- Annette Lewis – commented on budget detail, specifically around public safety building repairs, purchase of services/selectman's budget, assessor's purchase of services, facilities/elevator maintenance contracts, police purchase of services/laptops for cruisers, snow ice removal, facilities/DPW, water department budget, salaries in selectman's office. Annette also questioned the request for a DPW truck. This was taken under advisement for confirmation with the road commissioner chair.
- Linda Segal – commented on capital and debt service. Linda questioned why Baldwin debt could not be paid for by the town instead of ratepayers and was told that the water department is self funding, accruing no cost to the Town of Wayland.
- Tom Sciacca – discussed an article he saw in the Boston Globe and discussed Wayland's mill rate (tax rate per thousand). Tom was reminded that the mill (tax) rate is based upon total budget divided by assessed values, and in fact, Wayland's average tax bill is comparable to peer towns.
- Peter Gossels – discussed falling housing values.

The budget hearing was closed at 8:00PM. Following a brief recess, the meeting reconvened at 8:15PM

- MOTION made and seconded: To approve the FY2010 Operating Budget of \$62,098,411.
Approval: (5-0).
- MOTION made and seconded: To approve the FY2010 Capital Budget of \$3,530,000 funded in part with a single question debt exclusion of \$1,895,000, borrowing of \$1,085,000, \$400,000 for Water Department capital (which has no impact on the tax levy) and the balance from cash reserves.
Approval: (5-0).
- MOTION made and seconded: It was noted that the debt exclusion amount of \$1,895,000 includes \$900,000 for new high school design services and was voted and approved subject to MSBA cost sharing, with an amount to be actually funded for additional high school design services by the town not to exceed \$420,000 after state funding/reimbursement, and not the full amount of \$900,000 as included in the budget.
Approval: (5-0).

Discussion and Vote on Warrant Articles:

- Article 7 – Wastewater Management District Budget (WMDC) – article dollars to be clarified by J Bladon; no vote taken.
- Article 20 – Amend Article II, Chapter 1 of Town Bylaw re: Non-criminal Disposition of Violations (Board of Selectmen for Town Clerk); MOTION made and seconded; voted and approved 5-0.
- Article 21 – Authorize Town Clerk to Edit Bylaw Paragraph Numbering (Board of Selectman); MOTION made and seconded; voted and approved 5-0.
- Article 30 – Amend Section 19-8 of the Code of the Town of Wayland (Board of Assessors); MOTION made and seconded; voted and approved 5-0.

Adjourn: MOTION made and seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 10:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Stack