

Town of Wayland
Finance Committee
Meeting – January 5, 2009
Minutes

Attendees: Sam Peper, Susan Pope, Cherry Karlson, Bob Lentz, Dave Gutschenritter, John Bladon, Mike DiPietro (Finance Director)

Absent: Rich Stack

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM.
2. 2009 ATM Warrant Article Meeting. Sam read through the titles of each article and the Finance Committee member assigned to each. Linda Segal asked why copies of the articles had not been distributed to the public, to which Sam replied that it was the intent of the meeting to hear from petitioners, not to debate the articles themselves. Fred Turkington and Sam offered explanations on a number of articles for the benefit of those present.

Several articles were presented by their petitioners and/or received questions, comments and discussion. The article related to York Road was discussed regarding town vs developer responsibilities. Linda Segal asked about discussions between Wayland and Sudbury on school regionalization, and its impact on requests for funds by the School Committee. Linda Segal suggested that any article requiring the spending of funds should not be consolidated in the consent calendar. Betty Salzberg presented the article for the transfer and sale of town owned land on Overlook Road for use as affordable housing. George Harris presented the reasons for making public records available at Board of Selectmen meetings. Kim Cook presented her reasons for the article related to enforcing zoning bylaws regarding free-standing lampposts. Molly Upton presented her case for the article to incorporate a full list and measure. Much discussion followed, mostly related to the wording and intent of the article. Toward the end of discussion, Annette Lewis requested that in the future all information be made available to the public before the meeting.

3. Minutes. Members reviewed and discussed the minutes of December 15, 2008. Motion and second to approve. Vote: 5-0-1 (Lentz)
4. Discussion of FY Capital and Debt Exclusion. Mike DiPietro said that he had updated his spreadsheet on FY10 capital requirements with new information on several requests. These included reduction of modulars,

reduction of building repairs, and removal of cemetery line items. He stated that the new tax neutral budget was \$2.75m without the inclusion of the School Committee request for \$900k for a feasibility study, which was still under review. The next step is for each department to present their expense and capital budget requests to us. Sam said he would discuss the implications of a reduction in state aid with each department beforehand.

Next meeting: January 7, 2009. Meeting adjourned at 9:07PM.

Submitted by:

John Bladon