

Town of Wayland
Finance Committee
Meeting – January 7, 2009
Minutes

Attendees: Sam Peper, Susan Pope, Cherry Karlson, Rich Stack, Dave Gutschenritter (arrived at 7:50PM), John Bladon, Mike DiPietro (Finance Director)

Absent: Bob Lentz

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM.
2. FY 10 Budget Hearing – DPW. Fred Turkington made an introduction to how the budget was compiled. He presented several documents which provided details by department (except facilities), a separate accounting for the Recreation budget, and a summary for the new DPW. Fred then turned to John Senchyshyn, who provided explanations by line item. John also explained a number of reductions from the original department requests which had been made through discussions with the various department heads involved. Total savings over the original submission amounted to \$185,080. John also noted that projected savings from the reorganization amounted to \$127,849. Total revised budget for the DPW totaled to \$5,770,510. Fred and John noted that revised budgets except Water had remained relatively flat except for utilities costs. The Water Department was then discussed in more detail, including how rates would be set and handling of the part-time senior clerk. Lastly Fred noted that the search continued for the position of new DPW Director, and that he intended to leave as much open as possible to be decided by the new director when the position is filled.
3. FY 10 Budget Hearing – Recreation. Nancy McShea discussed plans for the Recreation Department. She noted that her budget had remained flat except for step increases, insurance costs and other contractual items. She said she felt comfortable with her budget and that she did not expect programs to be added unless they paid for themselves. Discussion followed on topics including the town beach and the Boy Scout house.
4. Town Pool. Cherry recused herself before discussion began. Nancy explained that funding for the new town pool had fallen off due to fewer contributions as a consequence of the recession. As a result it had been decided to keep the current pool open for another year. It was expected

that only minor repairs would be made in the interim in anticipation of the new facility going forward.

5. Other Business. There was a discussion of how to improve the Warrant Article hearing. Topics covered included attendance, posting the list of articles beforehand, potentially scanning the articles, and improving notice to the public.
6. Minutes. Members reviewed and discussed the minutes of December 15, 2008. Motion and second to approve the minutes as amended. Vote: 5-0-1 (Stack)
7. Public Comment. Pat Abramson raised various issues regarding setting of water rates, the expense of distributing water and the allocation of costs.

Next meeting: January 12, 2009. Meeting adjourned at 9:07PM.

Submitted by:

John Bladon