



# TOWN OF WAYLAND

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## Finance Committee Meeting Minutes March 2, 2009

The meeting was called at 7:04 PM in the Wayland Town Building.

**Attendance:** John Bladon, Dave Gutschenritter, Cherry Karlson, Bob Lentz, Sam Peper, Sue Pope, Rich Stack

**Absent:**

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

- 1) **Public Comment:** No public comment
- 2) **Motion:** Approved Minutes of 2/17/09. Vote 7-0.

Approved Minutes of 2/23/09. Vote 6-0-1 (Lentz)

- 3) **Discussion of the following Annual Town Meeting (ATM) articles ensued:**
  - a. Article # 4 Current Year Transfers. Today's snow storm required that an additional \$35,000 be included in the Current Year Transfer. Motion was made to reopen Article # 4. Approved 7-0. Motion to amend Article # 4 so that the current year transfer for snow removal is now \$340,000. Approved 7-0.
  - b. Article # 22 York Road. Dave Gutschenritter updated the committee on recent actions concerning York Road. It was represented to FinCom that one or more of the residents of York Road have agreed to have the road repaired to town standards and once completed, would follow the process to petition the town to accept the road. Kim Cook spoke to the committee, presenting her views on the facts and circumstances surrounding York Road. After considering all relevant information, FinCom decided not to reopen the article, thereby deferring its recommendation on the article until the Annual Town Meeting.
  - c. Article # 40 Resolution for Fair and Equitable Transfer Station Sticker Fees. Discussion centered on the merits of the resolution and how best to achieve the spirit of the resolution. The discussion concluded with FinCom voting to support the intent of the resolution and agreed to reflect that in the Article. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7-0.

- d. Article # 15 Resolution to Endorse Work of the Wayland Charitable Committee. The committee reviewed the history of the committee and the positive benefits provided to the community. This resolution publicly acknowledges and thanks all those who support the committee and its good work. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7-0.
- e. Article # 29 Cochituate Village Overlay District. Discussions centered on the intent of the article to insure that the architectural designs of buildings developed within the district blend into and are consist with the existing architecture of the district. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 7-0.
- f. Article # 36 Amend Chapter 58 of the Town Code to Make Public Records Available at Board of Selectmen's Meetings. Discussion centered on the pros and cons of providing the information, the cost to provide the information, and the implications of codifying a process that may be just as easily resolved through a change in administrative procedure. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 0-7.

**4) Discussion of Special Town Meeting Articles**

- a. Article # 6 Cochituate Architectural Preservation Bylaw. Discussion centered on the incremental value to be added by the Bylaw and that many of the residents in the district were not aware of the Bylaw. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 0-7.

Discussion of the other Special Town Meeting Articles was deferred to a later meeting.

**5) Discuss and Vote Annual Report**

Sam Peper presented the Annual Report to the committee for its review. The committee reviewed the report and was in agreement with its contents. Finance Committee recommended approval of the report by a vote of 7-0.

**6) Discuss/assign Town Crier editorials on Budget and debt exclusion**

The committee discussed the value of editorials in the education and public vetting process and agreed that one or more editorials would be helpful to facilitate discussion of the Town Budget and debt exclusion.

**7) Schedule meeting to discuss town peer selection analysis**

The committee discussed various dates to hold this meeting. March 23<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was chosen as the date to hold this meeting.

**8) Discuss creating FinCom FAQ type information on website**

The committee discussed this idea and generally agreed that it was worth pursuing. Further discussions will be had to develop a plan to implement this idea.

**9) Other Business**

FinCom was informed that the School Committee had decided to remove the modular classrooms from the Capital budget. The Finance Committee voted 7-0 in favor amending the capital budget. The amended capital budget is now \$3,141,000.

The Finance Committee voted 7-0 in favor of Bob Lentz as the FinCom appointee to the Wayland Master Plan Advisory Committee.

**10) Adjourn** MOTION made and seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David J. Gutschenritter