



# TOWN OF WAYLAND

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## Finance Committee Meeting Minutes November 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Wayland Town Building.

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

**Absent:** Paul Grasso, Mike DiPietro

- 1) **Public Comment:** No public comment
- 2) **Review and approval of November 2, 2009 minutes deferred**
- 3) **Review Long-Range Plan presentation**

C Karlson started the discussion of the long range plan presentation. The committee is targeting a December 7<sup>th</sup> publication date. The presentation/plan is intended for all residents of the town and therefore is written with that audience in mind. The objective of the plan is to present a framework within which financial decisions can be considered and made.

The plan focuses on balancing the desire for services by the residents of Wayland with the ability to generating sufficient operating revenues within the constraints of so called Proposition 2 ½ to fund these services without resorting to operating budget overrides.

Progress to date was reviewed related to controlling the growth in employee benefit expenses and steps taken to improve revenue generation.

The Hamilton-Wenham combination was reviewed for possible ideas to lower costs while maintaining or improving services through combinations of departments and services. The committee discussed generally the need to avoid reducing services to reduce costs, but to deliver the same level of service more efficiently. Various ideas were discussed including the combination certain town functions and the regionalization of other functions.

At 7:15 pm S. Peper left the meeting to attend the debt exclusion hearing and returned at 7:30 pm

At 7:30 pm B. Lentz left the meeting to attend the warrant article hearing and returned at 8:30 pm.

**4) Other Business**

With no other business brought before the committee,

**5) Adjourn** MOTION made and seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David J. Gutschenritter