



# TOWN OF WAYLAND

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## Finance Committee Meeting Minutes February 23, 2009

The meeting was called at 7:07PM in the Wayland Town Building.

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

**Absent:** Bob Lentz

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

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

- 1) **Public Comment:** No public comment
- 2) **Motion:** Approved Minutes of 1/26/09 and 2/2/09 as corrected. Vote: 6-0, 6-0
- 3) **Discussion of the following Annual Town Meeting (ATM) articles ensued:**
  - a. Article # 30 Amend the Code of the Town of Wayland Re: Application for Senior Property Tax Relief. After this article had been voted by this committee, The Council on Aging raised concerns about this article. Discussion centered on whether FinCom should reopen the article for discussion and decided not to reopen the article.
  - b. Article # 13 Personnel Bylaws and Wage and Classification Plan. Discussion centered on clarifying that this article affects only non-union town employees, as union employees are covered under collective bargaining agreements. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 6-0.
  - c. Article #24 Change the Range of Dates for the Annual Town Meeting. Discussion centered on the logistical challenges of scheduling Annual Town Meeting. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 6-0.
  - d. Article #25 Change Deadline for the Submission of Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles. Discussion centered on the pros and cons of moving the deadline for submitting articles back a month. Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 4-2.

Sam Peper left the meeting to attend the Board of Selectmen meeting

- e. Article # 22 Accept York Road as a Town Way. Eric Knapp and Annette Lewis joined the meeting to discuss this article. Eric and Annette spoke on behalf the Board of Road Commissioners (BoRC) to explain their rationale for opposing the acceptance of York Road “as is”, and that if the road were brought up to standard, the BoRC would reconsider their position. Eric also informed FinCom that there was a meeting scheduled for the following evening with one or more residents of York Road to explore ideas to resolve this issue in a mutually agreeable manner to facilitate the acceptance of York Road as a Town way. Sam Peper rejoined the meeting. Eric agreed to report back to FinCom on the outcome of that meeting. FinCom informed Eric that FinCom’s “sense of the committee” was that based on current facts and circumstances FinCom would not be in favor of supporting the article as written, but wanted to reserve final judgment pending the outcome of the meeting to be held the following evening. Finance Committee voted 6-0 to defer its recommendation until Annual Town Meeting.
- f. Article # 40 Resolution for Fair and Equitable Transfer Station Sticker Fees. Discussion centered on the progress to date of calculating what the estimated sticker fee would be and what expenses are covered by the sticker fee revenue. The article was deferred to the next meeting.
- g. Article # 4 Current Year Transfers. Mike DiPietro presented the list of current year transfers (snow removal \$305,000 and Town Counsel \$100,000). Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 6-0.

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

Sam informed the Committee that there are currently 6 articles for Special Town Meeting this year. The Committee deferred discussion on these articles to a later meeting.

**5) Other Business**

Sam informed the committee that he would be attending the SOS meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Deb Cohen joined the meeting to update the committee on the School Committee’s thinking on whether to buy or lease the modular classrooms being considered by the School Committee. It was agreed that the financial impact on the FY 2010 budget was negligible regardless of the decision to lease versus buy.

**6) Adjourn** MOTION made and seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David J. Gutschenritter