

Town of Wayland
Finance Committee
Meeting – April 6, 2010
Minutes

Attendees:

Cherry Karlson
Paul Grasso
John Bladon
David Gutschenritter
Bob Lentz
Sam Peper (joined meeting at 7:22pm)

Absent:

Rich Stack
Mike DiPietro (Finance Director)

1. Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm.
2. Public Comment:
 1. Alan Reiss, petitioner for Article 20 – provided comments re: the Fincom’s April 5 vote against Article #20 (“Electronic Voting at Town Meeting”) for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting.
 - a. Wasn’t happy that Fincom didn’t present the Fincom comments to the lead petitioner.
 - b. Reiterated the town cost savings from shorter town meetings
 - c. Savings to individuals because of time and less time at TM and babysitting costs.
 - d. He now has the rental costs as an alternative to the purchase of the system.
 - e. Corrected a comment from Monday night that if the article fails at TM he doesn’t have to wait three years to bring back the article.
 - f. Reiterated the three benefits for doing: Speed, Accuracy, and Privacy.

2. Ira Sager – lead petitioner on the article “Create debate on Town web site”. Reiterated the arguments why to approve the article:
 - a. Provides a vetting of all articles and facts before Town Meeting.
 - b. Specialized software that surfaces the most important articles.
 - c. “disclaimer” section of this web site would relieve town of all liability.
 - d. This is a moderated forum although he didn’t know who or how it would be moderated.
 - e. Better quality of discourse.

3. Fincom’s Discussion of Town Meeting Articles.

A. Article 23 – Transfer and Restrict Use of Certain Town–Owned land for Septic Purposes and Conservation Purposes:

- a. Petitioners: Mike Lowry: discussed – 1) restrict nutrients from getting into Dudley Pond costing town \$30,000 to control. 2) Surface Water Quality Report cited that septic systems must be away from Pond.
- b. Charlie Raskin, representing Wayland Housing Authority and Wayland Housing Partnership, said they are submitting a grant with the state to study housing and betterments for up to 28 bedrooms in that area.
- c. Jackie Ducharme, Petitioner, stated that the best use of the land was to transfer to conservation. Discussed position with various boards. And felt it was detrimental to the pond if housing is built.
- d. Andy ____ (?), petitioner, area is underserved with conservation land compared to the north side of town.

Motion made by David Gutschenritter, seconded by Sam Peper : Move to accept Article 23. After discussion motion withdrawn.

Motion made by David Gutschenritter, seconded by Sam Peper: Move to defer the vote on Article 23 and request petitioners to engage all interested parties in determining the disposition of the parcels. Vote: 6–0 to approve.

B. Article #4: Current year Transfers of \$165,000 made up of:

- a. Snow removal \$ 50,000
- b. Elections \$ 20,000

- c. Town Counsel \$ 95,000
- d. TOTAL \$165,000

Motion Made and Seconded: Approve Article 4. Vote: 6-0 to approve.

C. Article #25 Acquisition of Chapter 61B Land at 41 River Road.

Motion made and seconded: Approve Article 25. Vote: 6-0 to approve.

D. Article #39 – Resolution of Independent Review of Town and School Budget Review.

Motion made and seconded to approve Article #39: Approved: 6-0.

E. Article #15 – Routes 30 and 27 Intersection land acquisition.

Motion made and seconded to approve Article #15: Vote 6-0 to approve.

F. Article #17 – Acquire Town of Sudbury’s interest in Septage Facility.

Motion made and seconded to defer vote on Article #17 until all dollar amounts are known, including: demolition costs, future benefit costs, appraisal of assets. Vote: 6 – 0 to defer.

G. Article #5 – Budget:

- a. Motion made and seconded to amend the approved budget by \$40,000 required to fund the \$40,000 increase in the Finance Department Budget to perform the independent study as approved in Article #39 – Resolution of Independent Review of Town and School Budget Review.

Motion made and seconded to approve the 2011 budget:

General Fund	\$59,220,606
Water Fund	\$ 3,337,199
Septage Fund	\$ 52,990
Wastewater Fund	<u>\$ 278,340</u>

TOTAL BUDGET **\$62,889,133**

Vote: 6-0 to approve.

- b. Motion to amend the Capital Budget by reducing the budget by \$350,000 for the Beach Project, bring the total for that project to \$570,000.

Motion made and seconded to approve the 2011 Capital budget:

Cash Capital	\$ 225,000
Non-exempt capital	\$2,290,000
Exempt Capital	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$4,515,000

Vote: 6-0 to approve.

4) Motion made and seconded to Accept the Report of the Finance Committee to be included in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Vote: 6-0, approved.

5) Next meeting scheduled for April 12, 2010.

6) Motion to Adjourn at 9:45.

Submitted by,

Bob Lentz