



# Town of Wayland Massachusetts

## **Finance Committee**

John Bladon

Paul Grasso

Dave Gutschenritter

Cherry Karlson

Bob Lentz

Sam Peper

Rich Stack

## **Finance Committee Meeting Minutes March 8, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Wayland Town Building.

**Attendance:** J. Bladon, C. Karlson, R. Stack, P. Grasso, and B. Lentz  
(arrived at 7:58 PM)

**Absent:** S. Peper, D. Gutschenritter

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

**Public Comment:** C. Karlson noted that Tom Sciacca had sent an e-mail to each member of the Fin Com which he wished to be read before the next round of collective bargaining negotiations. The e-mail offered support for the premise that employees in the public sector have fared as well or better on salary and benefits than employees in the private sector.

**Minutes:** The minutes of February22 were reviewed. Motion and second

to approve the minutes as amended. Vote 4-0-0. The minutes for the executive session of February 22 were reviewed. Motion and second to approve the minutes. Vote 4-0-0.

**Review of Articles:** Article 12 (Increasing RE Tax Exemptions) was discussed. J. Bladon moved and was seconded to approve the article. Vote 4-0-0.

Article 27 (Loker Recreation Transfer) was discussed. A question was raised as to whether the Town or the developer would retain liability if hazardous waste was found on the site during construction. It was also noted that it appeared that the business model had not been sufficiently defined to support estimates of financial receipts to the Town. J. Bladon will further analyze and update the write-up for further review.

Paul Grasso gave an update on Article 39 (Independent Review of Town and School Budget Process). He noted that the petitioners were still working on the final wording of the article. He also stated that the petitioners were not working with the School Committee during this process. Questions were raised as to whether the budget for the article was sufficient enough to achieve the results desired.

**Executive Session:** At 8:20 PM, a motion was made and seconded to enter executive session as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 23B, paragraph three, for the purpose of discussing strategies with respect to collective bargaining because a public discussion of these matters will have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town. FinCom will return to open session for the purposes of conducting additional business. A roll call vote was taken.

Grasso: Yes

Lentz: Yes

Stack: Yes

Karlson: Yes

Bladon: Yes

Also in attendance, M. DiPietro

The FinCom returned to open session at 8:45 PM.

**Joint Executive Session:** At 8:52 PM, a motion was made and seconded to

enter executive session as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 23B, paragraph three, with the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Personnel Board for the purpose of discussing strategies with respect to collective bargaining because a public discussion of these matters will have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town. A roll call vote was taken.

Grasso: Yes

Lentz: Yes

Stack: Yes

Karlson: Yes

Bladon: Yes

Also in attendance, M. DiPietro

The FinCom returned to open session at 9:40 PM.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Bladon