



Town of Wayland Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Paul Grasso
Thomas Greenaway
David J. Gutschenritter
Cherry C. Karlson (Chair)
Sam H. Peper
Richard M. Stack
Bill Steinberg

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes October 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM in the Selectmen's conference room at the Wayland Town Building.

Attendance: P. Grasso, T. Greenaway, D. Gutschenritter, C. Karlson, S. Peper, R. Stack, B. Steinberg

Also present: M. DiPietro, J. Bladon

Absent: None

Public Q and A on FY2012 Budget Guidelines: Diane Goodermote, on behalf of the Wayland Beautification Committee spoke in favor of the line item in the Selectmen's budget for beautification.

Linda Segal inquired as to the timing of the FY2012 budget guideline presentations and meetings, and Ms. Segal also inquired as to status of the union contracts. Ms. Segal applauded the Finance Committee for not seeking an override, especially in light of the new news that the Social Security Administration would not provide a cost-of-living adjustment next year.

C. Karlson noted that the budget presentation was on the town website, as well as the schedule for the budget planning process, beginning in December. C. Karlson also noted that the Finance Committee had set budget guidelines asking departments to level-fund their budgets, excluding step and lane salary increases.

The finance committee does not expect to seek an operational override, although it is too soon to say as to the capital budget.

Molly Upton asked how the town was able to make its required pension payments while staying within the confines of Proposition 2 ½. C. Karlson responded that the town has been paying its pension liabilities in line with actuarial recommendations since 1988.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: None.

Executive Session: At 7:20 pm a motion was made by C. Karlson and seconded to enter executive session as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(3), for the purpose of discussing strategies with respect to collective bargaining because a discussion of these matters in open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town. A roll call vote was taken.

Grasso: Yes

Greenaway: Yes

Gutschenritter: Yes

Karlson: Yes

Stack: Yes

Steinberg: Yes

Peper: Yes

The Finance Committee will return to regular session at the conclusion of executive session.

At 7:45, B. Steinberg left the meeting.

At 7:57 pm the Finance Committee returned to regular session.

Special Town Meeting Articles: Review, Discussion and vote: The following articles were reviewed in the order presented.

Article 15: Acceptance of Alice Drive. D. Gutschenritter presented a draft comment for discussion. D. Gutschenritter moved, with a second, to recommend the article and approve the comments as drafted. Article was approved. Vote 6-0.

At about 8:15, B. Steinberg returned to the meeting.

Article 8: Dudley Area Land Study Funding. D. Gutschenritter presented a draft comment for discussion. Discussion included questions of the timing of the article and the sources of funding for the study. Betty Salzberg offered remarks on behalf of the Wayland Housing Partnership. The Committee suggested some minor edits to the draft comment. D. Gutschenritter moved, with a second, to recommend the article and approve the comments as amended. Article was approved. Vote 7-0.

Article 11: Acquire 41 River Road Open Space. T. Greenaway presented a draft comment for discussion. Discussion included arguments against the article, which were incorporated into the draft comment. T. Greenaway moved, with a second, to recommend the article and approve the comments as amended. Article was approved. Vote 5-2.

Article 9: Appropriate CPA Funds for Renovation to Vokes Theater. T. Greenaway presented a draft comment for discussion. T. Greenaway moved, with a second, to recommend the article and approve the comments as drafted (subject to the most-recent CPA fund balances to be provided by M. DiPietro). Article was approved. Vote 7-0.

Article 17: Amend Zoning Bylaw – Aquifer Protection District. C. Karlson presented a draft comment for discussion. C. Karlson moved, with a second, to recommend the article and approve the comments as drafted. Article was approved. Vote 7-0.

Article 14: Adopt Stretch Energy Code as a Bylaw. B. Steinberg presented a draft comment for discussion. The Committee suggested several minor edits. B. Steinberg moved, with a second, to recommend the article and approve the comments as amended. Article was approved. Vote 6-1.

Article 13: Amend Zoning Bylaw to Establish Municipal Services Overlay District. B. Steinberg presented a draft comment for discussion. The Committee suggested a few minor edits. B. Steinberg moved, with a second, to recommend the article and approve the comments as amended. Article was approved. Vote 7-0.

Article 2: Rescind Authorized But Unissued Debt. S. Peper presented a draft comment for discussion. The Committee suggested a few minor edits. S.

Peper moved, with a second, to recommend the article and approve the comments as amended. Article was approved. Vote 7-0.

The Committee briefly discussed the articles that remain to be considered at the next meeting.

General Business: The Committee discussed the meeting schedule for the FY2012 budget process. No action was taken.

Adjourn: At 9:58 pm a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas D. Greenaway