



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 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM in the Selectmen's conference room at the Wayland Town Building.

Attendance: P. Grasso, T. Greenaway, D. Gutschenritter (joined at 8:02 pm), C. Karlson, S. Peper, R. Stack, B. Steinberg

Also present: M. DiPietro (joined at 7:17), B. Fletcher, G. Slep.

Absent: None

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular portion of the meeting held on October 12, 2010. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended of the executive session of the meeting held on October 12, 2010. Motion carried by vote of 6-0.

Executive Session: At 7:07 pm a motion was made by C. Karlson and seconded to enter executive session (joined by B. Fletcher from the School Committee) 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. Under the terms of the motion, the Finance Committee returned to

regular session at the conclusion of executive session.
A roll call vote was taken.

Grasso: Yes
Greenaway: Yes
Karlson: Yes
Peper: Yes
Stack: Yes
Steinberg: Yes

While the committee was in executive session, D. Gutschenritter joined the meeting.

At 8:15 pm the Finance Committee returned to regular session.

Interview Anne Gilbert, Senior Tax Relief Committee - FinCom Rep: Anne Gilbert, on the recommendation of Selectman Pope, volunteered to fill a vacancy on the Senior Tax Relief Committee as the Finance Committee Representative. A. Gilbert appeared before the Committee. She has lived and worked in Wayland since 1971, and she is interested in helping the Senior Tax Relief Committee identify and develop strategies to reduce the tax burden on seniors in Wayland. The Committee thanked A. Gilbert for volunteering. C. Karlson moved, with a second, to appoint A. Gilbert as the Finance Committee representative to the Senior Tax Relief Committee. The motion carried. Vote: 7-0.

At 8:21, M. DiPietro left the meeting.

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

Article 16: Pelham Island Road Easements. R. Stack presented a draft comment for discussion. G. Slep outlined concerns about having the bridge closed during two Spring flood seasons, which would make access to Pelham Island even more difficult. R. Stack moved, with a second, to recommend the article and approve the comments as drafted, subject to finalizing the square footage and dollar figures in the draft comment. Article was approved, subject to noted conditions. Vote 7-0.

Article 5: Wayland High School Field House Wight Room Code Upgrade. R. Stack moved, with a second, to defer discussion and recommendation of

the article in order to clarify the source of the funding. Motion carried. Vote: 7-0.

Article 6: Authorization to Transfer and Lease Wayland High School Weight Room. A motion to defer discussion and recommendation of the article, with a second, failed after discussion. Vote 0-7. R. Stack presented the draft comments for discussion. The Committee suggested some minor edits to the draft comment. C. Karlson moved, with a second, to recommend the article and approve the comments as amended. Article was approved. Vote 6-0-1 (Stack, abstaining).

Article 1: Amend Public Ceremonies Committee. R. Stack presented a draft comment and moved, with a second, to approve the article. Article was approved. Vote: 7-0.

Article 3, Amend FY 2011 Capital Budget. C. Karlson presented a draft comment and moved, with a second, to approve the article. Discussion followed. The Committee made several minor edits to the draft. The article was approved. Vote: 7-0.

Article 4: Establish Stabilization Fund for Special Education Services. C. Karlson reported that the School Committee had withdrawn the article, so no action was taken by the Committee.

Article 7: Acquire Town of Sudbury's Interest in Septage Facility. C. Karlson presented a draft comment and moved, with a second, to approve the article. Discussion followed. The Committee made one edit to the draft. The article was approved. Vote: 7-0.

Article 8: Dudley Area Land Study Funding. D. Gutschenritter moved, with a second, to reconsider the article, which was approved by the Committee on October 12, 2010. The motion carried. Vote: 7-0. D. Gutschenritter moved, with a second, that the Committee approve a revised comment that included updated information. Brief discussion followed. The motion carried, and the article was approved with the revised comments. Vote: 7-0.

Article 10: Appropriate CPA Funds for Appraisal of Mainstone Farm. P. Grasso presented a draft comment and moved, with a second, to approve the article. Discussion followed. The Committee made several minor edits to the draft. The article was approved. Vote: 7-0.

Article 12: Amend Zoning Bylaws - Zoning Bylaw Revision Project. B. Steinberg presented a draft comment and moved, with a second, to approve the article. Discussion followed. The Committee made one edit to the draft. The article was approved. Vote: 7-0.

General Business: The Committee discussed upcoming meeting schedule. No action was taken.

Adjourn: At 10:11 pm a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas D. Greenaway