



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 January 10, 2011

Attendance: T. Greenaway, C. Karlson, R. Stack, B. Steinberg, P. Grasso (7:15)

Also Attending: M. DiPietro, Finance Director

Absent: D. Gutschenritter, S. Peper

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes for both the regular session and the executive session on December 13, 2010 were approved by a vote of 4-0. Paul Grasso did not attend the meeting until 7:15 and was not present to approve minutes.

Review of Capital Budget Submissions

Conservation: Brian J. Monahan, Conservation Administrator reviewed requests to repair the Rice Road Dam and Storm water Mapping Route 20 to Lincoln Road. Brian stated that repair of the dam is required by the state and is a low cost alternative to taking it down. If the dam was to be removed, required permitting could delay repair and impact expected repair time. The Town of Wayland owns the dam. Brian also noted that the storm water mapping project will cover 3,000 catch basins.

Assessing Department: Ellen Brideau reviewed the request for a vehicle. Employees are using their own vehicles and are currently being reimbursed. This practice is not consistent with other town departments who have vehicles for town business. According to Ellen, the increased level of property reviews/site visits has created this need. The town may look at swapping vehicles for this need (i.e. the Fire Chiefs old vehicle).

Recreation Department: Nancy McShea and The Recreation Department reviewed the request for sand for the beach, volleyball court repairs. The Recreation Committee (along with DPW) reviewed the request natural grass fields at the Middle School and the request for the field development initiative. The

Finance Committee suggested that the Beach Projects should be bundled as one long term initiative and be packaged as a total cost for Town Meeting. An update on the previously approved \$550K for renovation of the beach house was also requested for Town Meeting. Nancy also discussed the request for natural grass fields at the Middle School and the request for field development (with discussion from Recreation board members). It was suggested that the Recreation department prioritize and also note revenue expectations.

Fire Department: Chief Loomer discussed the request for the fire chief's truck.

Police Department: Chief Irving discussed the request to upgrade the Joint Communications Center (JCC) computers, servers etc. Chief Irving noted that state law requires separation of police data which would impact consolidation of servers/infrastructure with the Town.

School Department: The School Committee presented their request for technology (desktops, laptops, software & peripherals). The School Committee voted 4-1 in favor. One dissenting member of the School Committee was not in support of the 1:1 computer program. The Finance Committee voiced some concern that this recurring expense may not be a capital item, especially with the decreasing value of individual items such as iPads and PCs, and should be part of the operating budget.

Department of Public Works: The DPW board voted 5-0 to approve their capital request.

Don Oullette reviewed several requests including the Water Department pump station upgrade, drainage repairs at the Library and at Rolling Lane, a need for a generator, the water main replacement for Cochituate & Pemberton Road area, the vacuum truck for street drains, the Swap Truck, the gang mower and field irrigation systems, and the Hannah Williams Park children's playground equipment replacement.

Resident Linda Segal asked if studies have been done that would justify making drainage repairs at the Library and at Rolling Lane. The Finance Committee questioned the impact of water rates if the Town moved off town water for field irrigation. It was also discussed what message the Town would be sending residents around water conservation if the Town put its own wells in to irrigate.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Stack