



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 February 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM in the Senior Center at the Wayland town building.

Attendance: D. Gutschenritter, B. Steinberg, P. Grasso, C. Karlson, T. Greenaway, R. Stack. Also Attending: Mike DiPietro, Finance Director.

Absent: S. Peper

Public comment:

Sean Kinney spoke in favor of Article 8 (Restatement of FY2011 School Department Budget) on his personal behalf, and not as a member of the School Committee. Mr. Kinney is frustrated not to have prior-year actual figures in the budgeting process. In his opinion, it is important to have actuals in time for the next budget cycle. Mr. Kinney would vote in favor of funding this expense as a part of the school budget, but he does not speak for the School Committee on this point.

The Finance Committee closed public comment and continued the meeting in regular session.

Motion: Approved minutes of regular session 12/6/10 as amended. Vote: 6-0.

Motion: Approved minutes of regular session 1/31/11 as amended. Vote: 5-0-1.

Motion: Approved minutes of regular session 2/7/11 as amended. Vote: 6-0.

Motion: Approved minutes of executive session 2/7/11. Vote: 6-0.

Motion: Approved minutes of regular session of 2/14/11 as amended. Vote: 5-0-1.

Annual Town Meeting Article Discussion and Votes:

Article 24 – Nonresident Alien Voting

T. Greenaway submitted a draft comments for review by the committee. The Committee discussed the article. Kim Reichelt spoke on behalf of the article for petitioners. Discussion followed. The Committee suggested revisions to the draft comments, which were incorporated into the comment.

Motion: Recommend approval of the article and the revised comments: Vote: 6-0.

Article 8 – Restatement of FY2011 School Department Budget

The Committee discussed petitioners' article. The discussion also covered the Abrahams report, its scope, and its recommendations. Paul Grasso spoke about the genesis of this article, and explained that even though a FY2011 restatement of budget to actual was in the 2010 ATM resolution, that element of the resolution was not included in the engagement letter with the consulting firm.

R. Stack noted he is concerned about overburdening the school business office. P. Grasso noted the business office is very busy. R. Stack also noted that he is troubled by negative comments made in the press about volunteers on the School Committee. The Committee did not take action on the article.

Article 9 – Town Clerk Compensation

D. Gutschenritter submitted draft comments for review by the committee. The committee discussed this standard article. It was noted that the proposed compensation increase is in line with the collective bargaining settlements. Minor modifications were suggested to the draft comments

Motion: Recommend approval of the article and the revised comments: Vote: 6-0.

Article 10 – Personnel Bylaws

D. Gutschenritter submitted draft comments for review by the committee. The committee discussed this standard article.

Motion: Recommend approval of the article and the revised comments: Vote: 6-0.

Article 25 – Amend Youth Advisory Committee Membership and Length and Effective Date of Terms

D. Gutschenritter submitted draft comments for review by the committee. The committee discussed the article, which would remove the student representatives from the Youth & Family Services Committee and adjust terms to coincide with the fiscal year.

Motion: Recommend approval of the article and the comments: Vote: 5-1.

Article 19 – Zoning Recodification Bylaw

B. Steinberg submitted draft comments for review by the committee. This article is the same as the article that was passed over at 2010 Special Town Meeting. The recodification is meant as a clarification of existing law, and to bring the bylaw into line with state law. Minor revisions were suggested to the draft comments.

Motion: Recommend approval of the article and the revised comments: Vote: 6-0.

Article 7 – Appropriation of MtBE Litigation Settlement Monies for Water Main Improvement in Cochituate

The committee discussed petitioners' article. No action was taken.

The committee briefly discussed the remaining articles in terms of timing and scheduling.

Review/Approve Debt Exclusion Presentation:

C. Karlson presented a draft deck of slides to be presented at the Debt Exclusion hearing. The committee suggested several minor revisions to the deck.

Motion: Recommend approval of the draft debt exclusion presentation as amended: Vote: 6-0.

Other Business:

R. Stack and B. Steinberg reported to the committee the gist of their discussions with John Senchynsyn and John Moniyhan on the capital request for the proposed Department of Public Works facility. The \$250,000 capital request was meant to get the project to the point of bid documents. The committee discussed whether purchasing an existing building was a viable option, rather than building a new building. The committee discussed whether a project of this magnitude should be run by a building committee, considering the experience of the high school building committee.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Greenaway