



# Town of Wayland Massachusetts

## **Finance Committee**

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Bill Steinberg (Chair)

## **Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, January 28, 2013**

Attendance: C. Karlson, B. Steinberg (Chair), T. Greenaway, Steve Lesser, C. Martin, D. Gutschenritter and N. Funkhouser.

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Senior Center of the Wayland Town building.

### **II. Public Comment**

David Hill thanked the committee, commented that increasing costs are unsustainable, efficiencies must be found in the budget, and additional sources for revenues such as the stabilization fund, also the town shouldn't fund OPEB, Wayland Cares, or any COLA's.

Kent George questioned the budget process, asked the committee to look at the proposed 10-12% increase in property taxes, and suggested that there was a lot of "fat" in the budget.

Anette Lewis wanted to understand what detail is in each budget item, suggested that it's hard to tell what specific line items are in the facilities budget, don't know how many employees are in each budget department. She questioned the set aside for OPEB and whether there is actually a trust for the money, and that we should create an irrevocable trust.

Heidi Heilman, Wayland Cares Director for the last 8 years cited some statistics about the reduction in the rates that substance abuse is growing in the Wayland schools compared to other towns saying that the growth has been less than that in 31 similar communities.

Tom Greenaway read an email from Tony Boschetto, Donna Bouchard, and Kent George asking the committee to allow no debt exclusion, no funding for Wayland Cares, no funding for OPEB, no increase staffing the Public Safety departments and eliminating any reserve for salary adjustments. Tom read an email from Margo Melnicove asking for no funding for Wayland Cares.

**III. Gordon Cliff, Chairman of the Audit Committee presented the committee's findings.**

Gordon provided a brief review of the work done by the audit committee and suggested that they are open to any input from the Finance Committee.

- IV.** John Moynihan, Director of Facilities, discussed the updated status of the repair of the Middle School roof and said that the project was going before the MSBA for approval this week. Fred Turkington discussed the various components of the funding. Fred also discussed how the cash on hand from the High School building project could be as high as \$3 Million which could be used towards other projects. DPW building should go out to bid within a week with bids to be open on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Project will be split into 2 phases. The Financial aid from the State in Governor Patrick's proposed budget would raise Wayland's share from \$4.1 to \$5.2 Million if the budget is passed as proposed.

Committee then took a 10 minute break.

- V.** Committee began discussion on the school budget. Discussion on the \$65,000 that the School department had erroneously added to the budget. Committee agreed that School department should receive the Superintendent's recommended amount less the \$65,000.
- VI.** Committee began discussion on other sections of the budget. In public safety agreed on the additional police officer, but said no to the additional firefighter. A motion was made and seconded, followed by a recommendation by a 4-3 vote to fund Wayland Cares. Took \$40,000 out of IT contractual services. Took \$75,000 out of the recommended legal services amount. We are requesting additional information regarding the Parks budget and the Recreation budget. There was a request to cut \$55,000 from the electronic voting budget and that proposal was rejected by the Members.
- VII.** Executive Session: At 11:15pm, B. Steinberg asked for a motion that the FinCom enter into executive session pursuant to MGL Ch 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with regard to the unions representing employees of the Wayland schools and any other such bargaining units whose contracts expire at the end of this fiscal year, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town.

The motion was moved and seconded. A roll call vote was taken:

Gutschenritter:	Yes
Karlson:	Yes
Steinberg:	Yes
Lesser:	Yes
Greenaway:	Yes
Martin:	Yes
Funkhouser:	Yes

B.Steinberg stated that the FinCom would return to open session only to adjourn.

At 11:30pm, the Committee returned to open session for the purpose of adjourning.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lesser

Documents:

Email from Tom Greenaway to Tony Boschetto dated January 28, 2013

Email from Margo Melnicove to Finance Committee dated January 28, 2013

FY2014 draft operating budget materials