

Members Present: Ian Johnson, Chair, Carolyn Spring, Judy Lucas, Cliff Watts, Jo Lown, John Arnold, Brigitte Casemyr, Ronn Moody (arrived 7:07 p.m.). Absent: None.

At 7:03 p.m. Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Open Forum

There were no requests to address the Committee.

Approval of minutes – Meetings No. 25, April 21, 2008, and No. 26, April 24, 2008, FY2008.

Mr. Watts moved approval of the most recent drafts of the minutes of Meetings No. 25, April 21, 2008, and No. 26, April 24, 2008. The vote to approve the minutes was 6 in favor and 1 abstention (Spring) with 7 members being present.

Article Review - ARTICLE 33. Amend Zoning Bylaws (Citizens' Petition)

William Bloom, attorney, presented his client's request to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Westborough, specifically Article 2, District Regulations, Section 2300, Use Regulations Schedule, to include within a definition of Institutional Uses a Use Category which includes the following: "Hospital, sanitarium, convalescent, nursing or rest home, congregate housing, and assisted living facilities licensed under M.G.L. c, 19D and 651 C.M.R. s. 12.01 et seq.

The client is interested in having an Assisted Living Facility in Westborough. Current bylaws allow for nursing homes, but not assisted living facilities. After putting the Article in the Warrant, Mr. Bloom learned that the Westborough Planning Board is also working on crafting a bylaw change to allow this type of facility. Mr. Bloom and his client will present a motion at ATM to recommend the Article be referred to committee, in this case the Planning Board.

Discussion and votes on various FY2009 budgets

A table of votes taken is attached to these minutes.

Discussion of ARTICLE 10. Adopt Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Bylaw (DPW Manager)
Ms. Spring asked for an explanation of the amendment proposed by the AFC, and for clarification on preferred procedure to be used to make, as a citizen, a separate amendment.

Discussion of ARTICLE 28. Revisions to Home Rule Charter (Board of Selectmen)

Mr. Arnold reported the discovery of an error in the Article as proposed by the Board of Selectmen. In ARTICLE 5 -- Administration Organization, Section 5-3 (d), the heading now reads "Town Employment Processes" but should read "Town Appointment Processes." Mr. Arnold will propose, on Town Meeting floor, an amendment to the Article as printed in the Warrant to correct this error.

Prepare Town Meeting Booklet

Mr. Johnson reported on the breakdown, from Leah Talbot, of the income from Trust Funds:

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| Building & Grounds | \$600 |
| DPW | \$25,000 |
| Board of Health | \$200 |

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| Library | \$23,000 |
| Total Trust funds | \$48,800 |

The Committee read through the AFC booklet for Town Meeting and made corrections where necessary. In preparation for the final draft of the booklet, Mr. Johnson will draft the explanatory letter from the Advisory Finance Committee. Ms. Lown will write comments for Articles 10 and 24. Mr. Arnold will ask the Treasurer to prepare information on the total cost of each borrowing proposed in Warrant.

Liaison Updates

Ms. Lucas will contact the School Committee to ask for information on the newly announced contract settlement with the Paraprofessionals.

Ms. Lown has prepared a memo of her findings on the DPW budget which will be sent to John Walden and Henry Danis.

Comments and Concerns of Committee Members

Ms. Casemyr reminded all citizens to vote in the town elections tomorrow.

Mr. Arnold invited Westborough residents to a public information session to learn about proposed revisions to Westborough's Town Charter to be held on Wednesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 23 of the Forbes Municipal Building, by the Government Study Committee.

Mr. Johnson announced a fundraiser for the Westborough Community Land Trust being held Thursday night at the Chateau restaurant.

Adjournment

At 9:00 p.m. Mr. Watts moved to adjourn the meeting. The vote to adjourn was unanimous (8 members present and in favor).

Votes taken at the Finance Committee meeting on May 5, 2008

1) Budget votes

No budget votes were taken.

2) Warrant article votes

ARTICLE 33. Amend Zoning Bylaws (Citizens' Petition)

Ms. Spring moved to recommend that the Town vote to refer this Article to the Planning Board for further review.

Vote to approve the article recommendation is unanimous, 8 in favor with 8 being present.

ARTICLE 10. Adopt Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Bylaw (DPW Manager) re-vote

Ms. Spring moved the original motion (Ms. Lown moved to recommend that the Town vote to approve Article 10, amended by removing the language in Section 3 beginning with: "For projects involving: Disturbance of more than 2,000 square feet up to 1 acre" and ending with: "evaluating existing drainage systems as required" and, under the heading "Exemptions," by removing the parenthetical "(not to exceed 2,000 square feet)", and further that the spelling of "Section" be corrected in the headings of Sections 9 and 11.)

Vote to approve the article recommendation is unanimous, 8 in favor with 8 being present.

ARTICLE 19. Purchase Equipment (DPW Manager) re-vote

Mr. Moody moved the original motion (to recommend the town vote to raise and appropriate \$7,000, raise and appropriate \$54,200 under the Water Enterprise Fund, and raise and appropriate \$16,800 under the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the purposes of this Article, and that the size of the town's fleet not be increased by these purchases.)

Vote to approve the article recommendation is 7 in favor and 1 opposed (Spring) with 8 being present.

ARTICLE 26. Department Head Employment Contracts (Board of Selectmen) re-vote

Ms. Spring moved the original motion (Mr. Watts moved to recommend the town vote to defeat this article.)

Vote to approve the article recommendation is unanimous, 8 in favor with 8 being present.

ARTICLE 28. Revisions to Home Rule Charter (Board of Selectmen) re-vote

Mr. Arnold moved to recommend the town vote to approve this article, with the heading on Section 5-3 (d) amended to read "Town Appointment Processes".

Vote to approve the article recommendation is 7 in favor and 1 opposed (Lown), with 8 being present.

ARTICLE 33. Amend Zoning Bylaws (Citizens' Petition) re-vote

Ms. Lown moves to recommend that the Town vote to refer this Article to the Planning Board.

Vote to approve the article recommendation is unanimous, 8 in favor with 8 being present.