Westborough Advisory Finance Committee Minutes of Meeting No. 28 FY2007 June 25, 2007 Approved July 9, 2007

Members Present: Ian Johnson, Chair, Judy Lucas, Cliff Watts, Jo Lown, Denzil Drewry, John Arnold, Ronn Moody (arrived 7:03 p.m.), Carolyn Spring (arrived 7:08 p.m.). Absent: None.

At 7:00 p.m. Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Mr. Johnson welcomed Mr. Drewry and Ms. Brigitte Casemyr. Ms. Casemyr is attending these meetings unofficially, and will not be voting, until her role on the Government Study Committee ends in the fall and her appointment becomes official.

# **Open Forum**

There were no requests to address the Committee.

# Approval of minutes – Meetings No. 27, May 12, 2007

Mr. Watts moved approval of the minutes of Meeting No. 27, May 12, 2007. The vote to approve the minutes was 5 in favor and 1 abstention, with 6 members present.

## **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Mr. Arnold and other members of the committee nominated Mr. Johnson to be Chairman of the Committee. The vote to elect Mr. Johnson was unanimous, 6 in favor with 6 present.

Ms. Lucas and other members of the committee nominated Ms. Lown to be Vice-Chairman of the Committee. The vote to elect Ms. Lown was unanimous, 7 in favor with 7 present.

#### Discussion and votes on FY2007 transfer requests

Henry Danis appeared before the committee to request a transfer of \$20,000 from the Reserve Fund to pay for end-of-year legal bills. The need for the transfer arose due to Town Counsel not beginning work until October 2006, and to some title work and deed work required by the Treasurer/Collector's Office. Mr. Watts moved to transfer \$20,000 from the Reserve Fund to Legal Services budget line 11513-5243. The vote to approve the transfer was unanimous, 8 in favor with 8 present.

Several Requests for Appropriation Transfers Between or Within Departments were discussed. These may occur in the last two months of the Fiscal Year, and may not exceed 3% of the sending department's budget. Funds transferred and not spent will be classified as free cash.

- Carolyn DeLude appeared before the committee to report that the electricity expenses at the library have been lower than anticipated, and the requested transfer is withdrawn.
- The Fire Department requests a transfer of \$10,000 from Fire Dept. Expenses to Fire Dept. Wages. These funds will cover possible overtime expenses.
- The Treasurer-Collector requests a transfer of \$5,000 from Treasurer-Collector Wages Clerical to Treasurer-Collector Misc. Service Tax Title. The excess funds in the wages budget line are the result of being temporarily short-staffed for a portion of the year, and the funds will be used to cover attorney tax/title expenses.
- The DPW requests a transfer of \$9,724.98 from Snow Removal Wages to Snow Removal Expenses to cover sand/salt expenses.
- Youth & Family Services requests a transfer of \$650 from Salaries & Wages to Expenses, to cover costs of the Hot Summer Nights Program. The excess funds in the wages budget line are the result of being temporarily short-staffed for a portion of the year.

Mr. Watts moved to approve all four transfer requests. The vote to approve the transfers was unanimous, 8 in favor with 8 present.

### **Comments and Concerns of Committee Members**

Mr. Johnson noted that new liaison assignments will be made at the July 9 meeting, and requests committee members notify him of their preferences prior to the meeting.

A note from Joe Harrington on his reflections on the last Annual Town Meeting that was distributed in members' folders will be discussed at the July meeting.

Mr. Danis reports that the VeeArc Building hazardous materials removal is finished. The job cost \$60,000 and the State has agreed to pay the total cost. The Municipal Building Committee is working on gathering demolition bids as well as plans for the new building. Mr. Danis hopes for plans to be ready for presentation at Fall ATM. George Barrette and Richard Amey have been appointed to the committee.

Mr. Arnold congratulated Dr. Malone and Ms. Howard on their long years of service to the town. All committee members agreed, and added their own words of congratulation.

## Adjournment

At 7:22 p.m. Mr. Watts moved to adjourn the meeting. The vote to adjourn was unanimous, 8 in favor and 8 present.