Westborough Advisory Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting No. 29 FY2008
May 17, 2008

Approved
June 23, 2008

Members Present: Ian Johnson, Chair, Judy Lucas, Cliff Watts, Jo Lown, John Arnold, Brigitte Casemyr, Carolyn Spring (arrived 12:15 p.m.). Absent: Ronn Moody.

At 12:05 p.m. Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order in the Westborough High School Auditorium.

Open Forum
There were no requests to address the Committee.

Approval of minutes – Meeting No. 28, May 8, 2008.
Approval of minutes was deferred until the next meeting

Discussion and votes on various FY2009 budgets and Articles
        A table of votes taken is attached to these minutes.

Discussion of ARTICLE 17B. Work on Town Water System (DPW Manager)
The DPW has proposed $15,000 request for funds to be transferred from Water Retained Earnings and Sewer Retained Earnings to buy radio frequency transmitters for the 120 "problem accounts." Mr. Johnson feels this will result in a payback to the town on these particular accounts.

Discussion of ARTICLE 24. Amend Previous Town Meeting Action (Waste Water Treatment Plant)
Ms. Lown reported that when the bids were opened for the project, the amounts were much higher than estimated. The Waste Water Treatment Plant Board intends to seek approval for the full amount from Town Meeting. If it fails, they would likely do a Value Engineering Study on the project and will come back to the Town again.

Jack Goodhall, Town Engineer, presented the Waste Water Treatment Plant Board vote to keep the request for the full package at a cost of $25,000,000 in addition to the $28,900,000 funding already approved, due to the permit considerations. The Board's appeal of the last NPDES permit for schedule considerations was denied.

Discussion of ARTICLE 17. Work on Town Water System (DPW Manager)
John Walden, DPW Manager, reported that the work needed on East Main Street does not need to extend to Route 9. This will make the cost of the project $460,000 rather than $750,000 as estimated in the Warrant. Mr. Walden also reported that bids on painting the town water tank have come in lower than expected, bringing the cost of the project down to $1,100,000.

Discussion of ARTICLE 10. Adopt Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Bylaw (DPW Manager)
Mr. Johnson reported that the proponents of this Article have increased the lower limit of the Bylaw to 5,000 ft^2. The Committee agreed this will not change the AFC recommendation.

Comments and Concerns of Committee Members
Mr. Johnson will give the summary address for Article 3.

Adjournment
Meeting remained in session until adjournment of Town Meeting.

Votes taken at the Finance Committee meeting on May 17, 2008

1) Budget votes

None taken.

2) Warrant article votes

ARTICLE 17B. Work on Town Water System (DPW Manager)
Mr. Johnson moved to recommend that the Town vote to transfer $7,500 from Water Retained Earnings and $7,500 from Sewer Retained Earnings for the purposes of this article.
Vote to approve the article recommendation is unanimous, 6 in favor with 6 being present.

ARTICLE 24. Amend Previous Town Meeting Action (Waste Water Treatment Plant)
Ms. Lown moved to recommend that the town vote to defeat this article.
Vote to approve the article recommendation is unanimous, 7 in favor with 7 being present.

ARTICLE 17. Work on Town Water System (DPW Manager)
     A. Mr. Johnson moved to recommend the town vote to borrow $1,100,000 under the Water Enterprise Fund for the purposes of this Article.
     Vote to approve the article recommendation is unanimous, 7 in favor with 7 being present.
     C. Mr. Johnson moved to recommend the town vote to transfer $2,842 from Article 25B of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting, transfer $34,085 from Article 19D of the 2005 ATM, transfer $4,605 from Article 22B of the 2002 ATM, transfer $62,287 from Article 22B of the 2004 ATM, transfer $145 from Article 25H of the 2003 ATM, and borrow $356,036 under the Water Enterprise Fund for the purposes of this article.
     Vote to approve the article recommendation is unanimous, 7 in favor with 7 being present.