

Members Present: Ian Johnson, Chair, Judy Lucas, Cliff Watts, Jo Lown, John Arnold, Brigitte Casemyr.  
Absent: None.

At 7:00 p.m. Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Mr. Johnson noted that the committee is currently comprised of 6 members, 3 members short of the full complement of 9 members. Mr. Johnson deferred voting to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair of the committee until the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Open Forum**

Anna Tortora reported on a call she made to Senator Ted Kennedy's office to discuss the possible need for a Proposition 2 ½ override due to the increase in teacher salaries negotiated in a new contract offer. She is concerned about the effect any increase in property taxes will have on townspeople who are on a fixed income.

### **Approval of minutes – Meetings No. 28, May 8, 2008 and No. 29, May 17, 2008.**

Ms. Lown offered a change to the minutes of May 17, to which the committee agreed. Ms. Lown moved to approve the minutes of meeting No. 28, May 8, 2008 and, to approve the minutes of meeting No. 29, May 17, 2008 as amended. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous, 6 in favor with 6 being present.

### **Discussion and votes on FY2008 transfer requests**

Mr. Watts moved to transfer \$117,281.37 from the Reserve Fund to offset the deficit in the Snow Budget, with \$73,683.35 for Snow Wages, and \$43,598.02 for Snow Expense. The vote to approve the transfer was unanimous, 6 in favor with 6 being 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.

- Mr. Watts moved to transfer \$1,100 from Advisory Finance Committee Expenses to Advisory Finance Committee Wages. The vote to approve the transfer was unanimous, 6 in favor with 6 being present.
- Mr. Watts moved to transfer \$200,000 from Insurance to DPW Snow & Ice Expenses. The vote to approve the transfer was unanimous, 6 in favor with 6 being present.
- Mr. Watts moved to transfer \$340 from Planning Board Expenses to Planning Board Wages. The vote to approve the transfer was unanimous, 6 in favor with 6 being present.
- Mr. Watts moved to transfer \$2,400 from Insurance to Street Lights. The vote to approve the transfer was unanimous, 6 in favor with 6 being present.
- Mr. Watts moved to transfer \$2,753 from Library Wages to Library Grounds and Building Maintenance. Mr. Arnold explained that this unexpected expense was to repair the HVAC unit which was damaged by a recent power failure. The vote to approve the transfer was unanimous, 6 in favor with 6 being present.

### **Liaison Updates / Comments and Concerns of Committee Members**

- Mr. Arnold read a statement from the Government Study Committee thanking Annual Town Meeting participants for listening to the Committee's recommendations, considering them, and discussing them in a thoughtful manner. The Government Study Committee is now officially dissolved.

- Mr. Watts reported that the School Committee voted unanimously to reallocate its budget so that no nursing positions are cut as a result of the deep slashing of the state grant.
- Mr. Moody stated that he has enjoyed being on the committee for many years, but has chosen not to seek reappointment to another term. The Committee thanked Mr. Moody and Ms. Spring for their time and commitment in service to the town.
- Mr. Johnson went over the booklet prepared for ATM, noting several errors and how they occurred so they will be caught for the next booklet published. Ms. Lown suggested dividing the proofreading duties among committee members rather than having each member go over the entire booklet. Other members agreed that this may be a better method. Mr. Johnson pointed out one error with a monetary impact – due to a transposed number the Election & Registration budget approved at ATM was \$1,800 less than requested. Mr. Johnson will speak with Ms. Yendriga about this.
- The next AFC meeting, scheduled for July 7, 2008, will be the last meeting in which FY2008 transfers may be approved.

**Adjournment**

At 7:25 p.m. Mr. Watts moved to adjourn the meeting. The vote to adjourn was unanimous, 6 in favor and 6 present.