

Westborough Advisory Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting No. 13 FY2006
February 27, 2006

Approved
March 2, 2006

Members Present: Chairman J. J. Malone, Rich Gottlieb, Polly Howard, Ian Johnson , Jo Lown, Judy Lucas, Ronn Moody, Carolyn Spring , Cliff Watts

Member Absent: None

At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Malone called the meeting to order in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Open Forum

There were no requests to address the committee.

Discussion of FY2007 Historical Commission budget

Ms. Jacqueline Tidman, Ms. Barbara Smith and Ms. Paula Skog presented and explained the proposed budget: Salary/Wages \$20,235 and Expenses \$17,400 for a total of \$37,635. In a separate article the Historical Commission is requesting \$25,000 for painting the exterior of the Nathan Fisher house.

Discussion of FY2007 Fire Department budget

Fire Chief Nick Perron presented and explained the proposed budget: Salary/Wages \$2,455,741 and Expenses \$259,471 for a total of \$2,715,212. In various articles the Fire Department is also requesting the following:

- Authority to hire two additional firefighters (add \$95,134 to Salary and \$4,000 to Expenses),
- Reauthorization of a revolving fund for CPR and First Aid Training funds,
- \$40,000 to purchase a four wheel drive vehicle,
- \$25,000 to refurbish the 1996 Pierce pumper,
- \$4,107 to relocate fire alarm wires at the East Main and Lyman Street intersection and
- \$61,500 for the third of five lease/purchase payments for a fire pumper.

Discussion of points of focus for Finance Committee

Because of the hour, this discussion was rescheduled for the March 6 meeting.

Comments and concerns of Committee members

Mr. Moody noted that the March 2 meeting with DPW would deal only with the budgets, articles would be considered at another meeting.

Adjournment

At 9:15 p.m. Mr. Watts moved to adjourn the meeting. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.