

Westborough Advisory Finance Committee  
Minutes of Meeting No. 20 FY2006  
March 27, 2006

**Approved**  
April 3, 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 Veterans Services budget**

Deputy Director of Veterans Services George Perry presented and explained the proposed budget: Salary/Wages \$22,975 and Expenses \$28,890 for a total of \$51,865.

### **Discussion of FY2007 Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School District budget**

Superintendent Gene Carlo, Assistant Superintendent John Kostgian and District School Committee Westborough member Paul George presented and explained the proposed Assabet budget. Westborough's assessment will be \$682,429 (for Westborough budgeting purposes, this is treated as an Expense item).

### **Approval of minutes**

Mr. Watts moved approval of the corrected minutes of Meeting No.18, March 16, 2006. The vote to approve the minutes was 8 to 0 (Ms. Spring had temporarily left the room).

### **Discussion and votes on various FY2007 budgets and articles**

A summary of votes taken is attached to these minutes.

### **Comments and concerns of Committee members**

Mr. Malone noted there were several items of interest in the latest Newsletter of the Association of Town Finance Committees.

### **Adjournment**

At 9:12 p.m. Mr. Watts moved to adjourn the meeting. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

## Votes taken at the Finance Committee meeting on March 27, 2006

### 1) Budget votes

DEPARTMENT	SALARY/WAGES	EXPENSES	TOTAL	Moved by	Vote to approve
Wastewater Treat Plnt	\$14,100	\$2,835,100	\$2,849,200	Mr. Moody	7 to 0 to 1
					Ms. Lown abstained
					Ms. Spring absent
Recreation	\$198,808	\$0	\$198,808	Mr. Johnson	7 to 1 (Ms. Howard)
					Ms. Spring absent
Assabet Reg Voc	\$0	\$682,429	\$682,429	Ms. Lucas	8 to 0
					Ms. Spring absent
Debt	\$0	\$8,912,233	\$8,912,233	Mr. Gottlieb	8 to 0 to 1
					Ms. Spring abstained

### 2) Warrant article votes

Article numbers are as given in the March 20, 2006, Draft of the Warrant

Votes are reported in the following format:

*Article Number*              *Abbreviated title of article*

*Recommendation*

*Moved by*                      *Vote (to approve the recommendation, unless otherwise noted)*

#### 1          Annual Town Election

As voted by the electorate.

Mr. Malone                  Agreed to by consensus

#### 2          Rule of the Meeting

We recommend the Town so vote.

Mr. Moody                  9 to 0

#### 3          Town Reports

We recommend the Town vote to receive the reports of the various officers and committees and that the report of the Advisory Finance Committee be acted upon item by item under the various articles of the warrant.

Mr. Malone                  9 to 0

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9A     Fire Dept. Revolving Fund

9B     Youth and Family Services Revolving Fund

9C     Real Estate Exemptions

9H     Local Emergency Planning Committee Revolving Fund

We recommend the Town so vote.

Mr. Johnson                9 to 0

9D     Reserve Funds

With the insertion of the word “Enterprise” between “Club” and “Reserve,” we recommend the Town so vote

Mr. Johnson                9 to 0

9E     Two Police Vehicles

We recommend the Town vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,996 for the purchase of two police vehicles and related equipment, and that the size of the Town’s vehicle fleet not be increased because of this purchase.

Mr. Watts                    9 to 0

9F     Fourth of July Celebration

We recommend the Town vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of this article.

Mr. Watts                    9 to 0

9G     Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

We recommend the Town vote against this article.

Ms. Spring                  8 to 1 (Mr. Watts)

10     Intermunicipal Health Agreement

We recommend the Town so vote.

Mr. Watts                    9 to 0

13     Acquiring Property for Well

We recommend the Town vote to borrow, under the Water Enterprise Fund, the sum of \$800,000 for the purpose of this article.

Mr. Moody                  9 to 0

16     Golf Course Equipment and Maintenance

We recommend the Town vote to transfer from Retained Earnings in the Country Club Enterprise Fund the sum of \$94,125 for the purpose of this article.

Ms. Spring                  9 to 0