

Westborough Advisory Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting No. 25 FY2006
April 10, 2006

Approved
April 17, 2006

Members Present: Chairman J. J. Malone, Ian Johnson (arrived 7:18 p.m.), Jo Lown, Judy Lucas (arrived 7:25 p.m.), Ronn Moody, Carolyn Spring, Cliff Watts

Members Absent: Rich Gottlieb, Polly Howard

At 7:07 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 with Town Moderator Joe Harrington

Mr. Harrington asked about the progress the Finance Committee was making in considering budgets and articles for the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Malone assured Mr. Harrington that the Committee was very much on schedule. Mr. Malone also reviewed the discussions the Committee has had regarding its role and responsibilities.

Discussion of Citizens' Petition Warrant Article – Package Store License

Mr. Devinder S. Rehki discussed his request that the Town petition the Legislature for an additional package store license.

Discussion of Citizens' Petition Warrant Article – Zoning Bylaws Parking Requirement

Attorney Ross Merrow, acting on behalf of Mr. Eugene Colangelo, is requesting that the Retail Sales parking space requirement be changed from one parking space for each 200 square feet of retail space to one parking space for each 250 square feet of retail space. Mr. Merrow discussed how this change might affect his client.

Approval of minutes

Mr. Watts moved approval of the minutes of Meeting No.22, April 3, 2006.

The vote to approve the minutes was 7 to 0.

Mr. Watts moved approval of the minutes of Meeting No. 23, April 6, 2006.

The vote to approve the minutes was 7 to 0.

The Memo of Record for "Meeting" No. 21, April 1, 2006, (a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant by four Committee members) and the Memo of Record for "Meeting" No. 24, April 8, 2006 (a tour of the Fire Station by four Committee members) were noted.

Discussion and votes on various FY2007 budgets and warrant articles

A table of votes taken is attached to these minutes.

Comments and concerns of Committee members

Ms. Lown asked to be placed on the agenda for April 17. She will discuss results of her investigation into Town Meeting booklets of other towns.

Adjournment

At 9:21 p.m. Mr. Watts moved to adjourn the meeting. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Votes taken at the Finance Committee meeting on April 10, 2006

1) Budget votes

DEPARTMENT	SALARY/WAGES	EXPENSES	TOTAL	Moved by	Vote to approve
Personnel Board	\$3,855	\$45,253	\$49,108	Mr. Johnson	6 to 0
					Mr. Moody absent
Legal	\$92,924	\$82,076	\$175,000	Mr. Watts	7 to 0
Veterans Services	\$15,359	\$28,890	\$44,249	Mr. Watts	7 to 0
Cultural Council	Ms. Spring moved an Expense budget of \$2,000. After discussion she amended her motion to \$1,000. This motion was defeated				
	3 (Ms. Lown, Ms. Spring, Mr. Watts) to 4				
	\$0	\$0	\$0	Mr. Moody	4 to 3
			Ms. Lown, Ms. Spring, Mr. Watts opposed		

2) Warrant article votes

Article numbers are as given in the April 11, 2006, Final Draft 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)*

13 Purchase of Property at 50 Milk St.
We recommend the Town vote to borrow the sum of \$1,172,500 for the purpose of this article.
Mr. Moody 7 to 0

20 Reconstruction of Town Roads
We recommend the Town vote to borrow the sum of \$998,600 for the purpose of this article.
Mr. Johnson 7 to 0

21A Water Exploration
We recommend the Town vote to transfer from Raise and Appropriate from the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of this article.
Mr. Malone 7 to 0

21B Equipment for Fay Mountain Water Tank
We recommend the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$1,877 from Article 22C of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting and Raise and Appropriate from the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$23,123 for the purpose of this article.
Mr. Malone 7 to 0

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21C Backup Generator for Morse Street Well

We recommend the Town vote to

transfer the sum of \$3,046 from Article 22C of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting and
transfer the sum of \$604 from Article 3 of the October 2004 Special Town Meeting and
transfer the sum of \$1,080 from Article 25G of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting and
transfer the sum of \$35,270 from Article 22C of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting

for the purpose of this article.

Mr. Malone 7 to 0

21D Water Mains in Robin Road Area

We recommend the Town vote to borrow, under the Water Enterprise Fund, the sum of \$579,040
for the purpose of this article.

Mr. Malone 7 to 0

22A Upgrade Sewer Station Alarm System

We recommend the Town vote to transfer from Retained Earnings in the Sewer Enterprise Fund the
sum of \$120,000 for the purpose of this article.

Mr. Malone 7 to 0

22B Sewer Infiltration/Inflow Program

We recommend the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$3,331 from Article 31B of the 2001 Annual
Town Meeting and Raise and Appropriate from the Sewer Enterprise Fund the sum of \$46,669 for
the purpose of this article.

Mr. Malone 7 to 0

23 DPW Equipment

We recommend the Town vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purchase of
two dump trucks and related equipment, and that the size of the Town's vehicle fleet not be
increased because of this purchase.

Mr. Moody The motion was defeated 3 (Mr. Johnson, Mr. Malone, Mr. Moody) to 4.
Thus, for the time being, the Committee does not have a recommendation on Article 23.

24 Acceptance of Deed

We recommend the Town so vote.

Mr. Moody 7 to 0

26A Fire Department Four Wheel Drive Vehicle

We recommend the Town vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of this
article, and that the size of the Town's vehicle fleet not be increased because of this purchase.

Mr. Johnson 7 to 0

26B Refurbish 1996 Pierce Pumper

We recommend the vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of this article.

Mr. Johnson 7 to 0

26C Relocate Fire Alarm Wires

We recommend the Town vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$4,107 for the purpose of this
article.

Mr. Johnson 7 to 0

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27 Lease/Purchase Payment for Fire Pumper

We recommend the Town vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$61,201 for the purpose of this article.

Mr. Johnson 7 to 0

28 Sandra Pond Dam Tree Removal

We recommend the Town vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$65,000 for the purpose of this article.

Mr. Moody 7 to 0

29 Paint Nathan Fisher House

We recommend the Town vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the purpose of this article.

Mr. Johnson 6 to 1 (Mr. Malone)

31 Department Head Contracts

We recommend the Town vote against this article.

Mr. Johnson 7 to 0

32 Release Town Easement

We recommend the Town so vote.

Mr. Moody 7 to 0

5 Educational Benefits

We recommend the Town so vote.

Mr. Johnson 7 to 0

6 Classification Plan

We recommend the Town so vote, except that the wording “and, further, to see before January 1, 2007.” be deleted from the motion.

Ms. Lown 7 to 0

7 Wage and Salary Schedule

We recommend the Town so vote.

Mr. Watts 7 to 0

10 State Funds for Roads

We recommend the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$498,107 for the purpose of this article.

Mr. Malone 7 to 0