

Westborough Advisory Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting No. 26 FY2006
April 17, 2006

Approved
April 27, 2006

Members Present: Chairman J. J. Malone, Ian Johnson, Jo Lown, Judy Lucas (arrived 7:20 p.m.), Ronn Moody, Cliff Watts

Members Absent: Rich Gottlieb, Polly Howard, Carolyn Spring,

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.

Survey of Town Meeting booklets

Ms. Lown distributed a report she had prepared. This report gave some sample pages from Finance Committee reports of other towns and web sites where Committee members could look at the full texts of those reports. After Committee members have had time to look at these materials there will be discussion about what additional features might be included in our town meeting booklet.

Approval of minutes

Mr. Watts moved approval of the minutes of Meeting No.25, April 10, 2006.

The vote to approve the minutes was 6 to 0.

Snow & Ice Deficit Spending

Mr. Watts moved approval of increasing the authorized deficit spending in the Expense part of the Snow & Ice budget from \$75,000 to \$76,000. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Discussion and votes on various FY2007 budgets and warrant articles

A table of votes taken is attached to these minutes.

For planning purposes the Committee agreed to use the Governor's budget proposal, rather than that of the House Ways and Means Committee, when estimating state aid for FY2007.

Comments and concerns of Committee members

The Committee discussed possible changes to the way departmental budgets are presented in the Town Meeting booklet.

Adjournment

At 8:48 p.m. Mr. Watts moved to adjourn the meeting. The vote to adjourn was unanimous

Votes taken at the Finance Committee meeting on April 17, 2006

1) Budget votes

DEPARTMENT	SALARY/WAGES	EXPENSES	TOTAL	Moved by	Vote to approve
Snow & Ice	\$134,000	\$228,177	\$362,177	Mr. Moody	6 to 0

2) Warrant article votes

Article numbers are as given in the posted 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)*

4 FY2006 Budget Transfers
We recommend the Town so vote.
Mr. Watts 6 to 0

15A Electrical Switchgear for Fales and Hastings Schools
We recommend the Town vote to Raise and Appropriate \$100,000 for the purpose of this article.
Mr. Johnson 6 to 0

15B Hot Water Tank for Armstrong School
We recommend the Town vote to Raise and Appropriate \$30,000 for the purpose of this article.
Mr. Johnson 6 to 0

15D Stage Light Wiring at Gibbons Middle School
We recommend the Town vote to Raise and Appropriate \$70,000 for the purpose of this article.
Mr. Johnson 6 to 0

18 Lease/Purchase Payment for DPW Bucket Truck
We recommend the Town vote to Raise and Appropriate \$23,798 for the purpose of this article.
Mr. Watts 6 to 0

19 Lease/Purchase Sewer/Water Vacuum Truck
We recommend the Town vote to Raise and Appropriate from the Sewer Enterprise Fund the sum of \$46,094 and Raise and Appropriate from the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$11,523 for the purpose of this article.
Mr. Moody 6 to 0

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32 Request for Additional Package Store License

We recommend the Town so vote provided the applicant agree to surrender to the Town his present beer and wine license should he receive this all-alcoholic package store license.

Mr. Moody The motion was defeated 1 (Mr. Moody) to 5.

32 Request for Additional Package Store License

We recommend the Town vote against this article.

Mr. Watts 5 to 1 (Mr. Moody)

23 Purchase Dump Trucks for DPW

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 Town's vehicle fleet not be increased because of this purchase.

Mr. Moody 4 to 2 (Ms. Lown, Mr. Watts)