

**TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting held August 3, 2009

Upon notice duly given and quorum present, the Finance Committee convened at 7:00 p.m. on August 3, 2009. Members in attendance: Chris Berglund, Paul Bohnsen, Greg Zakarian, Ray Bricault and Patricia Altomare.

The Chair advised the Committee that the primary purpose of tonight's meeting was to review the power point presentation prepared in anticipation of the upcoming Special Town Meeting. The Special Town Meeting was being held to determine whether the Town would proceed further towards the goal of purchasing property to be used for a new municipal center. Issues discussed upon the power point review were:

- The financial impact upon the Town's citizens especially the anticipated increase in taxes;
- Plans for the Mixer building given its present condition and whether CDC funds could be used to tear down the building provided the space was going to be kept as open fields;
- Whether a purchase of a building for the new Town Hall, Elder Services etc. would result in an increase of services for the Town's citizens;
- Whether the timing is appropriate for the purchase of property given the town's financial condition as opposed to the purchase value of the property due to the present day depressed values of property;
- The other factors beside the financial impact upon the Town i.e. location, physical appearance of the building etc.
- The construction/upgrade costs;
- Impact upon next year's budget.

There being no further business to discuss, and upon motion duly made by Paul Bohnsen and seconded by Greg Zakarian, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Altomare, Clerk
Finance Committee