

## TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held October 7, 2009

Upon notice duly posted, the Finance Committee of the Town of West Boylston met on October 7, 2009 at 8:40 p.m. Committee members present were Ray Bricault, Greg Zakarian, Patrick Crowley, Chris Berglund, Judy Doherty and Patricia Altomare. Also in attendance was Town Manager, Leon Gaumond.

The first order of business was to discuss the suggestion from Jim Ryan to eliminate the town revolving funds. The Committee members surmised that Mr. Ryan was concerned about the lack of oversight for these accounts. The Town's accountant, Mike Daley, did an analysis of the question and concluded that he "can't see any financial reason for moving away from this current lawful activity". The Committee concluded that Mr. Ryan's thoughts on the matter would be helpful to clarify his concerns and questions. The Chairman indicated he would make the inquiries of Mr. Ryan.

The next order of business was the request by the Superintendent of Schools, Thomas Kane, to have the cost of vocational school education a separate line item in the budget. Mr. Kane has noted in the past that this cost is a burden of the Towns and that the school committee has no control over the number of students who go to vocational schools. Upon further discussion and review, it was VOTED with four members for and one against, to recommend that the vocational expenses remain as they have in the past, in the budget under the school department.

The next order of business was to respond to a request that we review our recommendation on the floor of the last Town Meeting that the demand fees be increased. It was noted that we still believe the increase to be in the best interest of the Town.

The next order of business was a review of the Warrant for the Town Meeting to be held on October 19, 2009. The "money articles" are as follows:

Article 8 – Request by the Library for funds to meet their salary step increases. Upon discuss and review, it was unanimously VOTED to recommend approval of Article 8.

Article 9 – It was unanimously VOTED to pass over Article 9.

Article 10 – Article relative to the creation of a Municipal Building Fund and Committee. Pat Crowley noted that he considers the idea that this Article presents the beginning of a much needed fund for the maintenance of town buildings. After discuss and review it was unanimously VOTED to recommend approval of the article with the following amendments: 1) the two registered voter members of the Committee shall not

be elected officials and 2) capital improvements shall not be more than \$20,000 without the Capital Investment Board's approval.

Article 11 – It was unanimously VOTED to recommend approval.

Article 12 and Article 13 – It was unanimously VOTED to pass over these Articles pending clarification.

Article 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 – It was unanimously VOTED to recommend approval of these Articles.

There be no further business to discuss, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Altomare  
Clerk of Finance Committee