

## TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON

### JOINT MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT BOARD

Minutes of Meeting held May 13, 2010

Upon notice duly posted, the Finance Committee of the Town of West Boylston met on May 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Committee members present were Chris Berglund, Ray Bricault, Patricia Altomare, Greg Zakarian, John Owanisian and Alex Bartholomew. Simultaneously, the Capital Investment Board met with members Ray Bricault, Patricia Altomare and Greg Zakarian in attendance.

The first order of business was to review and approve Finance Committee minutes of prior meetings. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously **VOTED**: to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2010 meeting, the April 26, 2010 meeting and the April 28, 2010 meeting.

The next order of business for the Finance Committee was to review a transfer request from the Department of Public Works. After review and discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously **VOTED**: to approve the transfer of \$5,000 from the Department of Public Works Salaries and Wages account to their Purchased Services account for the purchase of new brakes on the 1999 backhoe (\$4,600) and a new radiator fan for a police cruiser (\$400).

The next order of business for the Finance Committee was to review a transfer request from the Finance Committee Reserve Fund to the Computer/Other Expenses of the IT Department. After review and discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously **VOTED**: to approve the transfer of \$1,350 from the Finance Committee Reserve Fund to the Computer/Other Expenses account to pay for the unforeseen need to hire a computer consultant relative to establishing the Town survey on our website.

The Capital Investment Board next considered two capital requests. The first for \$29,000 to repair or replace the hot water boiler at the high school and the second for \$33,000 for the purchase of a Police cruiser. After review and discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously **VOTED**: to approve said capital requests.

The Finance Committee then commenced a review of the Warrant Articles in anticipation of the upcoming Town Meeting.

- Article 23 pertaining to a bylaw pay increase of 2%. The members had previously questioned why 2% as opposed to any other number. The response to such query was that the 2% keeps the non-union Town employees in line with the union employees. Hence, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously **VOTED**: to recommend approval of Article 23.

- Article 21 pertaining to the Board of Health creating a new position. Per Leon Gaumond this Article is going to be tabled and hence no action is needed from the Finance Committee at this time.
- Article 25 pertaining to the transfer of appropriations. – The Finance Committee is waiting for final numbers from Mr. Gaumond relative to this article and thus no action was taken.
- Article 26 pertaining to the Weston & Sampson bill from the prior year. John Westerling of the Department of Public Works indicated that representatives from Weston & Sampson will be at Town Meeting to explain why this bill is so late. After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously **VOTED:** to abstain from providing an opinion in light of the corporate representative not being available until Town Meeting.
- Article 27 pertaining to the sewer budget. The Finance Committee anticipates speaking with Mr. Westerling and thus postponed taking any action on this article.
- Article 29 pertaining to ambulance receipts. – After review and discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously **VOTED:** to recommend approval of this article.
- Article 35 pertaining to the school budget. The Committee members discussed the fact that the school budget is requesting \$215,000 more than the Town budget provides. It was noted that the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Gaumond and the School Committee are working feverishly to fill the gap between the two budgets. After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously **VOTED:** to endorse that no more than \$60,000 be taken from the Stabilization Fund in order to assist the effort to provide the School Department with funds with the proviso that the School Committee, the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee meet on or before December 31, 2010 to discuss tools to address the budget deficits and/or survey to ascertain what services the Town citizens are willing to forego.
- Articles 36 and 37 pertaining to real estate and personal property inspections. After discussion and motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously **VOTED:** to recommend approval of these articles.
- Article 42 pertaining to the acceptance of a parcel of property on Lancaster Street. After discussion and motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously **VOTED:** to recommend approval of this article provided there is not cost associated with it.

There being no further business to discuss, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Finance Committee and the Capital Investment Board adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Patricia Altomare  
 Clerk of Finance Committee  
 Clerk of the Capital Investment Board