

Town of West Boylston

Joint Meeting of the Finance Committee and Capital Investment Board

Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2010

Upon duly posted notice, the Finance Committee (FinCom) and Capital Investment Board (CIB) met simultaneously on September 21, 2010. The following committee members were present: Patricia Altomare, Alex Bartholomew, Chris Berglund, Ray Bricault, Pat Crowley, Aaron Goodale, and John Owanisian.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09PM.

The first order of business was to review minutes of the July 7 Finance Committee and CIB meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously **VOTED**: to approve the July 7 minutes.

The Finance Committee and CIB then reviewed proposed Article 24 for the October Town Meeting. This article deals with Community Preservation Act funds and is divided into three projects/sections. Mr. Crowley provided an overview of article 24. Summary of discussion and actions noted below:

- A.** \$25,000 for replacement of roof at West Boylston Housing Authority. After much discussion, consensus indicated since this is an operational expense, it may not be best use of CPA funds. **Motion to table approved.**
- B.** \$13,000 for preservation of gravestones at the Mt. Vernon Cemetery. **Motion to endorse approved.**
- C.** \$140,000 for the acquisition of a parcel of land on Lee Street intended to protect the town's drinking water. This was described as a complicated request that involved borrowing. **Motion to table approved.**

Discussion of warrant article 9 was the next order of business. This article seeks "Authorization to expend funds for the purchase of lights at Goodale Park (roughly \$70,000)". Mr. Crowley explained an amount up to \$70,000 may be required in addition to CPA funds and private fundraising efforts to complete installation of light poles. A motion was duly made and seconded to endorse the article, however the **motion to endorse was defeated** (4 votes to 2).

Article 11 was the next topic of discussion and dealt with the authorization to expend funds (roughly \$33,000) for the purchase of a new police cruiser. Mr. Bartholomew noted if this vehicle is purchased it would represent the third cruiser purchased within 12 months. Mr. Bricault indicated a purchasing schedule was needed from the chief of police. **Motion to tabled approved.**

Discussion then moved to article 12 which deals with authorization to expend roughly \$10,000 for the purchase of an on-line GIS service. The funds would be used to create a database and various map overlays. The need for these features was questioned. A **motion to table was approved**. Further information was required and Mr. Bricault indicated Karen Pare will be invited to the next FinCom meeting to provide additional information.

Mr. Owanisian then explained updates to the Finance chapter of the West Boylston Master Plan were provided to the Town Wide Planning Committee. Mr. Owanisian thanked FinCom members for their inputs.

Mr. Bricault proposed a FinCom endorsement of the Town Administrator within the context of upcoming contract discussions. **A motion to develop a letter to endorse the Town Administrator was approved, with Mr. Bricault to draft an endorsement letter.**

There being no further business to discuss, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Owanisian for the Finance Committee