

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

April 27, 1988

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 pm

Present: R. Anderson, M. Brown, P. Helmreich, B. Kimball,
C. MacQuown, R. Nugent, D. Ward

P. Helmreich notes "No Smoking" ordinance in all Public Meetings.

P. Helmreich notes invitation by the Library Board of Directors and Library Trustees to the Ground Breaking Ceremony on May 5, 1988 at 10 AM for the New Library.

MEETING MINUTES

R. Anderson moves the minutes of the meeting of April 6, 1988
D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

R. Anderson moves the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 1988
B. Kimball seconds

Unanimous

Article 22 Dump Capping

C. DeCosta reviews Board of Health recommendations and presentation.

Final estimate for capping \$2.5M

Review of additional information:

Discussion on 25% contingency. P. Helmreich notes high figure.

C. DeCosta feels the figure can be lowered but there is a chance additional monies may be needed if unforeseen problems arise

Liner proposed is #40 liner which has a fabric backing; originally proposed a #60 liner.

S. Lombard's proposal is for a #30 liner and 1 foot of cover.

C. DeCosta notes 1 foot can easily erode and 2½ feet are needed.

S. Lombard's proposal did not consider fencing and security.

The Board of Health is also covering management fees, daily control of site, in their proposal

R. Anderson questions maintenance of site.

C. Decosta notes unknown what maintenance covers and questions a 1 yr warranty.

S. Lombard's proposal is \$50,000 vs \$10,000 for erosion and sediment control.

The Board of Health does not feel the minimal requirements are enough to protect the Public Health. The Board of Health also did not pick the most expensive alternative

Discussion of fly ash and review of past problem.

Vegetation includes grass seed, mix rye and quick (hydroseed) grass and fertilizer. \$37,800 for 22 acres.

S. Lombard states that his proposal should not compete with the Board of Health proposal. He felt that his job is to give the Town's people an alternative.

S. Lombard notes that the Town will not be reimbursed to use fly ash.

C. DeCosta notes the problems with meetings between the Selectmen and the Board of Health and Engineers.

C. DeCosta notes grant application is almost completed.

S. Lombard requests Committee to stay with the Pumper price. The pumper is to go out to bid again reducing equipment.

Regional School #659

C. MacDonald notes the State is to reimburse the Town with \$117,000

P. Helmreich notes the Hicks Fund revenue will be \$20,000. Most likely \$40,000 next year.

S. Lombard states that the clerical contract is not yet signed. Will be removing the Selectmen's secretary from the Union. Additional funds may be needed to increase to 40 hr week.

Handicap Committion #225

D. Ward moves to reconsider account #225

B. Kimball seconds

Unanimous

D. Ward moves to amend to \$550 for account #225

B. Kimball seconds

additional \$300 requested through Executive Secretary at prior meeting

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Library #681

A legal review of the Balfour grant states that no funds can be used until the building is built and an occupancy permit is granted. Therefore, J. Scherma will not be returning expenses to E&D since \$7,000 was to be received as an offset from grant interest. Interest for F89 budget to be used was \$10,200 which will not be received and additional funds are needed.

R. Anderson moves to reconsider account #681

B. Nugent seconds

Unanimous

R. Anderson moves to amend to \$24,020 for account 681

B. Nugent seconds

Unanimous

Medicare #785

P. Helmreich spoke to A. Fernandes who feel \$30,000 is needed Funds are to cover 1.4% of salaries which are increasing for all new employees and all rehired employees

B. Kimball moves to reconsider account #785

R. Anderson seconds

Unanimous

B. Kimball moves to amend to \$30,000 for account #785

B. Nugent seconds
Unanimous

P. Helmreich reviews Town's overall financial picture

Review of Pumper information. P. Helmreich requests to purchase with available monies.
S. Lombard is to rebid the \$213,000 to lower to \$185,500
Consensus - raise and appropriate

Cap TM#22

P. Helmreich notes use of bond and stabilization.

Reduce contingency to 15% - \$269,610

Cost \$ 2,067,010

+ 206,701 10% maintenance

2,273,711

\$2.3 M TOTAL

P. Helmreich notes the Board of Health should decide on conditions regarding Public Health as long as figures are within range.

Project management - Bakker engineering will act as Town's agent during construction

B. Kimball moves to reconsider article #22

B Nugent seconds

Unanimous

B. Kimball moves to amend to \$2.3M for article 22

D. Ward seconds

Unanimous

D. Ward moves to fund article 22 with \$1M from stabilization and \$1.3M from bonding

C. MacQuown

Unanimous

C. MacDonald notes reduction in School transportation costs from the State.

Hicks fund

Cemetery Department can use \$9,000 and they are allowing additional funds to accumulate in order to allow for repaving of the Middle Cemetery

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm until 5-2-88 at approximately 6:30 prior to Town Meeting at the in the Middle School cafeteria