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**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**August 29, 2007**  
**Municipal Center – Selectmen's Conference Room**

**Present:** Chairman, Paul Helmreich; Michael Thomas; Tom Deluca; Wayne Graf; Jackie Desrochers; Pasquale Barletta; Robert Bouchard (new member, 1st meeting).

**Absent:** Vice-Chair, Lee Tarantino; Philip Zawasky.

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to Order at 7:30.

Mr. Helmreich welcomed two new members to the Finance Committee – Pasquale Barletta and Robert Bouchard.

Mr. Helmreich made a **motion** to send a note of thanks to newly resigned Finance Committee member, Michael Fiore. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**Yelle School Repairs**

Mr. Helmreich stated the purpose of this meeting was to discuss transfer requests. Mr. Purcell, Town Manager, was planning to be at this meeting to present data on the Yelle School repairs. Mr. Purcell was delayed in Boston, business related. Therefore, Mr. Purcell was not able to present the information.

Mr. Helmreich said that there are additional costs related with the Yelle school repairs because postcards had to be sent to voters stating that they will be voting at the High School, instead of the Yelle School, for the September 18<sup>th</sup> debt exclusion ballot vote.

Mr. Helmreich said that Dr. Ansay, Superintendent of Schools, gave permission to go ahead with the Yelle school repairs. These repairs will diminish the Town's reserve account by approximately half and will need to be replenished. This money could come from 3 places: (1) the capital improvement acct., (2) the stabilization acct., or (3) the debt exclusion funds.

Mr. Helmreich explained the repairs that need to be done to the Yelle School. He said that the walls were not originally constructed the way the plans showed (in 1954). Repairing this is more costly. It involves shoring the walls. Also, the pipes in the basement have been treated in asbestos and when drilled into recently, the asbestos was released. Dr. Ansay is discussing with the contracting firm whose responsibility it is to fix this problem. The Yelle School will open on time, with some adjustments of classes.

Mr. Helmreich stated that the repair costs would be approximately \$49K for the shoring of the walls, and approximately \$13K for the asbestos. He said that he had spoken with Mr. Purcell and they concluded that \$75K would be appropriate to cover the costs of these repairs.

Mr. Helmreich said that Mr. Purcell said that legally the Finance Committee could give permission to Mr. Helmreich, as the Chairman of the FinCom, to authorize the repairs this week. Mr. Thomas asked if this decision could wait until October. Mr. Helmreich explained that it needed to be done soon because the walls are already being fixed without official funding, though the decision could wait until next week if the committee felt it to be necessary.

Mr. Helmreich said that the \$75K would be transferred in to the same account as where the \$150K is now – the Yelle School Reconstruction account.

Mr. Thomas posed the question of what would happen if the debt exclusion vote did not pass.  
Mr. Helmreich said the money would come from the Reserve fund.  
Mr. Graf asked whether or not money could be transferred back in if all the \$75K was not used.  
Mr. Helmreich said yes.

**Motion** made by Mr. DeLuca to authorize Mr. Helmreich to transfer \$75K from Reserve account to the Yelle School Reconstruction account. Second by Ms. Desrochers. Vote: Unanimous.  
**Motion carries.**

Mr. Helmreich said that he would ask Mr. Purcell to submit an article for the town meeting to ask for the \$75K to be put back in the Reserve account.

**Next Meeting**

Mr. Helmreich said that there is no need to have a meeting on September 5, 2007, as previously planned.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2007 at 7:30.

Mr. Helmreich said the meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> would be used for the Town Manager's business as well as the reorganization of positions of the Finance Committee.

**Adjournment**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to adjourn at 8:15pm. Second by Mr. Thomas. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary**