

Finance Committee Meeting
May 6, 2009
7:30 PM
Municipal Center – Selectmen's Conference Room

Present: Vice-Chair, Wayne Graf; Pasquale Barletta; Robert Bouchard; Thomas DeLuca; Jackie Desrochers; Paul Helmreich; Lynn Regan; Lee Tarantino; Philip Zawasky; Town Manager, James Purcell.

Absent: Chairman, Michael Thomas; Cheryl McFaun.

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Call to Order

Meeting was called to Order at 7:30 pm.

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I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were not reviewed at this meeting.

II. New Business

Special Town Meeting Warrant – Mr. Purcell provided the Finance Committee with the final draft of the Special Town Meeting warrant.

Special Town Meeting Article 3 – Operating Budget Supplements in the total amount of \$104,751.06 being requested to come from Free Cash. Mr. Purcell explained that the legal services account has been depleted because of a busy year. The snow removal account is in need of funds for the same reason. Mr. Purcell said that the request for \$5K for the Landfill account would go towards the additional testing and well drilling needed for the post-closure compliance plan.

Mr. Purcell said that the 2 transfers being requested for the Dog Officer is for overtime and salaries.

Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to recommend the transfer from Free Cash to the Legal Services account #001-151-570 in the amount of \$30K. Seconded by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to recommend the transfer from Free Cash to the Snow Removal account #001-423-570 in the amount of \$59,751.06. Seconded by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to recommend the transfer from Free Cash to the Street Lighting account #001-425-570 in the amount of \$10K. Seconded by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to recommend the transfer from Free Cash to the Landfill account #001-428-570 in the amount of \$5K. Seconded by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to recommend the transfer from the Dog Fund account #019-293-100 to the Dog Officer overtime account #001-292-510-5131 in the amount of \$1,200. Seconded by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to recommend the transfer from the Dog Fund account #019-293-100 to the Dog Officer salaries account #001-292-510-5110 in the amount of \$3K. Seconded by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Free Cash Strategy – Mr. Purcell said that there will be \$400K - \$450K available for FY10 purposes.

Local Aid – Mr. Purcell said that the Local Aid amount of \$16,002,315 (\$16,026,603 minus \$24,288 for the library because of de-certification) would leave the final deficit at \$181,539 (with a level-funded budget), which can be made up for by using Free Cash.

Mr. Helmreich pointed out that this budget, with a deficit of \$181,539, is still only a level-funded budget not a level-services budget, and large cuts have been made.

Mr. Purcell questioned how ready the budget will be for June 8th because of the ongoing bargaining contracts, reconciling of FY09, and budgeting for FY10. He stated that a non-balanced budget can legally be presented at the Spring Town meeting but needs to be balanced by the Fall Town meeting. He said that he really does not like to do this.

A discussion followed regarding postponing Town Meeting.

Mansfield Avenue Leasing – Mr. Purcell informed the FinCom that the lease agreements with LL Bean and Norton Kayak have changed from \$4,700 to \$3,000 due to the poor economy.

Planning Board Articles – The Planning Board voted to delete performance standard #11 and changed the language for #10, taking into consideration the comments from the FinCom at a previous meeting. Mr. Purcell said that the warrant article will read as previously written, and that on the night of Town Meeting the new wording is what the Planning Board plans to move for a vote. Discussion followed on whether or not the FinCom should vote to recommend the new wording. It was decided that the Planning Board will be asked to provide the FinCom with the wording they plan to move the night of Town Meeting and the FinCom will vote on that new wording.

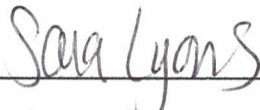
Next Meeting

The Finance Committee will not meet on Monday, May 11, 2009.
The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2009 at 7:30pm.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Zawasky to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Second by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary