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**Finance Committee Meeting****June 3, 2009****7:30 PM****Municipal Center – Selectmen's Conference Room**

**Present:** Chairman, Michael Thomas; Vice-Chair, Wayne Graf; Pasquale Barletta; Thomas DeLuca; Paul Helmreich; Cheryl McFaun; Lynn Regan; Lee Tarantino; Town Manager, James Purcell.

**Absent:** Robert Bouchard; Jackie Desrochers; Philip Zawasky.

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were not reviewed at this meeting.

**II. New Business**

**FY10 Operating Budget Recommendations** – Mr. Purcell provided the FinCom with budget summary sheets, reflecting a balanced budget, as well as the individual budgets of each department. The total for the Town Manager's recommended budget is \$45,532,332. Mr. Purcell noted that the school budget has been level-funded, and on the general government side there have been 4 unfilled jobs, previously budgeted for, that have been deleted from the budget. One of these unfilled jobs is in the Police Department, one from the Highway Department, and 2 from the Communications Department. There has also been a .25 clerical position eliminated. This person volunteered to resign.

Mr. Purcell said that this recommended budget allows for a position to be filled in the Fire Department as well as the funding for the call-firefighters. He said that doing this would provide the manpower for the Chartley Fire Station to remain open.

Mr. Purcell said that he wanted to provide funding for the Library to attempt re-certification, however the money needed to go to public safety first, and he feels it is more important to fund the Chartley Fire Station. He said that with this Library budget, the library is within \$52K of the needed funds for certification. He feels confident that by FY12 the library will be funded for certification again. Mr. Purcell was told that the library needs \$372,852 to provide for it to be open 40 hours per week. This proposed budget for the library is more than that, at \$400,851.

Mr. Purcell stated that the school/general government budget split for this FY10 proposed budget is 69.4%/30.6%, well within the required range.

Mr. DeLuca said that he feels that the additional \$100K of funding that the Library is being proposed to receive should go towards the schools. Mr. Helmreich said that although he agrees that the schools have been taking cuts for a long time, he feels that the library needs to get back to being open 40 hours per week. Ms. McFaun questioned whether or not this \$100K could allow the school libraries to re-open, which have been closed for a few years now. Mr. Barletta said that his feeling is that the Public Library is for all of the townspeople, not just a single population as are the school libraries.

Mr. Helmreich reminded the committee that Mr. Purcell said that he may need to come back later (at October Town Meeting) to get some of the funds back if needed, and feels that it would be easier to get the money back from the library than from the schools.

**Finance Committee FY10 Budget Recommendations**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$47,301 for Board of Selectmen – Personal Service (acct#122-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$3,850 for Board of Selectmen – Charges and Expenditures (acct#122-570). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Graf to recommend \$169,280 for Town Manager – Personal Service (acct#123-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**



**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$4,400 for Town Manager – Charges and Expenditures (acct#123-570). Seconded by Mr. Graf. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Graf to recommend \$135,964 for Town Accountant – Personal Service (acct#135-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$22,000 for Town Accountant – Purchase of Services (acct#135-520). Seconded by Mr. Barletta. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Barletta to recommend \$3,098 for Town Accountant – Charges and Expenditures (acct#135-570). Seconded by Mr. Graf. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Graf to recommend \$120,799 for Assessors – Personal Service (acct#141-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Graf to recommend \$20,995 for Assessors – Charges and Expenditures (acct#141-570). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Graf to recommend \$201,600 for Treasurer/Collector – Personal Service (acct#147-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Graf to recommend \$51,665 for Treasurer/Collector – Charges and Expenditures (acct#147-570). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Graf to recommend \$0 for Data Processing – Personal Service (acct#155-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Graf to recommend \$111,000 for Data Processing – Charges and Expenditures (acct#155-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Graf to recommend \$84,689 for Town Clerk – Personal Service (acct#161-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$2,650 for Town Clerk – Charges and Expenditures (acct#161-570). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to reconsider Conservation Commission – Personal Service account #171-510. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.** This reconsideration is due to the fact that union contracts have been settled and provide for 2% raises.

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$94,878 for Conservation Commission – Personal Service (acct#171-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$80,140 for Planning Board – Personal Service (acct#175-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$3,550 for Planning Board – Charges and Expenditures (acct#175-570). Seconded by Mr. Graf. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$268,936 for Municipal Bldg Maint. – Charges and Expenditures (acct#192-570). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$2,085,697 for Police Department – Personal Service (acct#210-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$175,333 for Police Department – Personal Service (acct#210-570). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Graf to recommend \$2,517,163 for Fire Department – Personal Service (acct#220-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$158,550 for Fire Department – Charges and Expenditures (acct#220-570). Seconded by Mr. Graf. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Graf to recommend \$79,200 for Emergency Med. Serv. – Charges and Expenditures (acct#230-570). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Graf to recommend \$6,250 for Emergency Planning – Charges and Expenditures (acct#240-570). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to reconsider the Inspection Department – Personal Service (241-510). Seconded by Mr. Barletta. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$142,939 for Inspection Dept. – Personal Service (acct#241-510). Seconded by Mr. Barletta. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$347,725 for Communication Center – Personal Service (acct#290-510). Seconded by Mr. Barletta. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$131,849 for Communication Center – Charges and Expenditures (acct#290-570). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**



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**Motion** was made by Mr. Graf to recommend \$47,822 for Animal Control – Personal Service (acct#292-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$8,000 for Animal Control – Charges and Expenditures (acct#292-570). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Barletta to recommend \$17,683,283.96 for School Department – Personal Service (acct#300-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$4,884,036.04 for School Department – Charges and Expenditures (acct#300-570). Seconded by Mr. Graf. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$507,870 for Highway – Personal Service (acct#420-510). Seconded by Mr. Graf. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$127,750 for Highway – Charges and Expenditures (acct#420-570). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$11,547 for Highway – Surface Treatment (acct#420-580). Seconded by Mr. Graf. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$100 for Highway – Repairs to Private Ways (acct#-420581). Seconded by Mr. Graf. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$128,042 for Sewer Division – Personal Service (acct#440-510). Seconded by Mr. Graf. Vote: All in favor, with the exception of Mr. Tarantino opposed. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$685,181 for Sewer Division – Charges and Expenditures (acct#440-570). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Graf to recommend \$119,122 for Board of Health – Personal Service (acct#510-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$9,500 for Board of Health – Charges and Expenditures (acct#510-570). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$27,269 for Public Health Nurse – Personal Service (acct#522-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$9,650 for Public Health Nurse – Personal Service (acct#522-570). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$1000 for Council on Aging – Personal Service (acct#541-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$6,790 for Council on Aging – Charges and Expenditures (acct#541-570). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Graf to recommend \$50,843 for Veterans Agent – Personal Service (acct#543-510). Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$1,875 for Veterans Agent – Charges and Expenditures (acct#543-570). Seconded by Mr. Graf. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$220,000 for Veterans Agent – Veterans Benefits (acct#543-579). Seconded by Mr. Graf. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$400,851 for Library – Other Charges and Expenditures (acct#610-570). Seconded by Mr. Graf. Discussion followed. Mr. Giblin, a Selectman in attendance, said he feels some of the funding going towards the Library should go towards making sure the Chartley fire Station stays open. Mr. DeLuca agreed stating the necessity of the Chartley Fire Station for the residents on that side of town, especially with all of the on-going construction delays of traffic. Mr. Thomas suggested putting it in Free Cash for now and then vote on what to do with it at the October Town Meeting.

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to amend the original motion to an appropriation of \$295,314, which would level-fund the Library. Seconded by Mr. Graf. Mr. Helmreich disagreed with this. He said that most other town departments received a 2% pay increase and that it was only fair to provide the same for the Library employees. Mr. DeLuca made an additional amendment to include a 2% for FY09 plus another 2% for FY10 (town contracts were negotiated the same) in the amount of \$307,245. Seconded by Mr. Graf. Mr. Barletta said he feels that this is a nice gesture but it still does not get certification back for the library. Mr. Helmreich stated that the town manager has devised a budget plan that should keep the Chartley Fire Station open without taking this \$100K from the Library budget. Mr. Thomas pointed out that this FY10 budget is based on unknown state figures. Vote for the amendment: 6 in favor; 2 opposed – Mr. Helmreich and Mr. Barletta. Vote for the main motion of \$307,245: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend \$9,695 for Recreation – Charges and Expenditures (acct#630-570). Seconded by Mr. Graf. Discussion followed. Mr. Helmreich made the point that voting this funding will

allow the pool to close this year and open it again next year. Therefore, next year, the town may find it's self in the same position it is in right now. Mr. Purcell said that he feels strongly that this is a public safety issue and that this would provide supervised swimming for town residents. Mr. Tarantino pointed out that in years past the pool was not taken care of and it cost a lot to repair. Vote: All in favor, with the exception of Mr. Barletta opposed. Motion carries.

**Next Meeting**

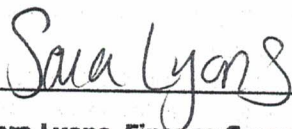
The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2009 at 6:00pm in the Yelle school cafeteria, preceding the Annual Town Meeting.

**Adjournment**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to adjourn at 9:40 pm. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: Unanimous.

**Motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara Lyons". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

**Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary**