Finance Committee Meeting October 5, 2009 6:00 PM Yelle School Cafeteria

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<u>Present</u>: Chairman, Wayne Graf; Vice-Chairman, Thomas DeLuca; Pasquale Barletta; Jackie Desrochers (late arrival); Paul Helmreich; Cheryl McFaun; Michael Thomas; Lee Tarantino; Philip Zawasky (late arrival); Town Manager, James Purcell.

Absent: Robert Bouchard; Lynn Regan.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

I. New Business

Article 4- Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to reconsider Article 4. Seconded by Mr. Barletta. Vote: All in favor. Motion carries. Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to change the amount in the article from \$315,782 to \$285,782, a difference of \$30K, because the \$30K was included twice in the final amount for this article, which consists of various operating budget supplements. Seconded by Ms. McFaun. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carries.

Article 8 - Mr. Kimball, Selectman, updated the FinCom on the status of Article 8. Mr. Kimball said that the town does not allow the development of land that is less than 5,000 square feet in area, even if there are 2 parcels of land next to each other equaling 5,000 sq. ft. or over. He said that none of the parcels of land involved in this article are 5,000 sq. ft. or over, and never have been. Mr. Kimball said that he feels uncomfortable moving forward with this article right now.

Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to reconsider Article 8. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Mr. Helmreich said that he feels that a review is needed of the zoning bylaw that restricts building on 2 abutting parcels of land that have been put together as one and now have an area of 5,000 sq. ft. or more. Mr. Tarantino agreed. **Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend Article 8. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: All opposed. **Motion fails**.

Article 11 – Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to reconsider Article 11. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carries. Mr. Purcell explained that a line has been added, by town's counsel, to the motion reading "provided, however, that the words "non-zoning" appearing in the title shall be deleted." Town's counsel changed this because this article is a Conservation Committee bylaw, not a Zoning bylaw. In discussing the content of the article, Mr. Purcell informed the FinCom that the ConCom has made some changes, reflective of some FinCom suggestions. Both Mr. Tarantino and Mr. Graf said they didn't feel comfortable supporting this article without seeing such changes. Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to add the wording "provided, however, that the words "non-zoning" appearing in the title shall be deleted" to the motion. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: All in favor, with Mr. Thomas and Mr. Barletta abstaining. Motion carries.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to adjourn at 6:30 pm. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary