

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 1989



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

Present: M. Brown, K. Eagan, M. Hackett, E. Hamilton,
P. Helmreich, B. Kimball, L. MacLean, C. MacQuown,
R. Nugent, D. Ward

B. Kimball notes Fire Department will submit a letter and a letter from the Building Inspector regarding reconsideration of the Chartley sheds.

B. Kimball notes receipt of newspaper clipping regarding Blue Cross/Blue Shield rates.

M. Hackett requests up to date payments made.
Estimated cost this year - \$540,000

B. Kimball notes receipt of two transfer requests to be discussed at the next meeting. Finance Committee reserve balance of \$74,587.

B. Kimball notes he has heard about a deficit in the Police salaries. Review of \$31,000 approx transfer request from J. Clark. He feels there may be a need for a special in June.

B. Kimball noted S. Lombard stated that he may want to postpone the Annual until receipt of the Cherry sheet.

P. Helmreich notes no need to postpone because of unknown date of when the Cherry Sheet will be received. Also that the elections are the beginning of the Annual Town Meeting.

B. Kimball notes receipt of copy of Building Inspector's letter to Fire Chief

STM article 10

Town Center revitalization

B. Kimball will ask for article to be withdrawn if Planning Board does not approve the article.

P. Helmreich notes that if voted will supersede current bylaws. Discussion of tableing article.

B. Kimball notes he understood that the Committee want to bring it up at another meeting.

Meeting will be scheduled for 4-26-89.

P. Helmreich note he is on an Internal Board at his place of employment, Community relations task force, and would be happy to carry any views.

E. Hamilton notes he would like to see scholarships for Town residents-high school students.

P. Helmreich notes College is 5th largest tax payer in Town. They pay taxes on any land not used for education.

STM #1

B. Nugent moves to recommend article 1

C. MacQuown seconds

B. Nugent notes wide mix in screening committee.
P. Helmreich notes bylaw does not note a screening committee just that the Selectmen should have the authority. Also that the Charter writing is very standard in regards to the screening Committee.
Finance Committee must approve one or the other.
E. Hamilton notes elimination of education.
0-9-0

STM #2

P. Helmreich moves to recommend article 2
D. Ward seconds
P. Helmreich notes that those funds that are over the budget and not returned to the Town, will reduce the next year's budget. He also notes the responsible management that they have at the school.
M. Hackett questions amount of money appropriated to stabilization.
P. Helmreich notes the investment of funds, grants returned to school, fees for services etc.
Review that capital expenditures will be purchased from stabilization, therefore, reducing budget charges.
8-0-0

STM #3

B. Nugent moves to recommend article 3
D. Ward seconds
Town Accountant will pay prior to end of fiscal year
9-0-0

STM #4

D. Ward moves to recommend article 4
B. Nugent seconds
9-0-0

STM #5

D. Ward moves to table article 5
P. Helmreich seconds
Unanimous

STM #6

B. Kimball notes money could be transferred from the Finance Committee Reserve
P. Helmreich notes to table until figures are forwarded
D. Ward moves no action
B. Nugent seconds
Unanimous

STM #7

B. Nugent moves no action
D. Ward seconds
Unanimous

STM #8

Water and Sewer Commissioner and Attorney present
Article is to enable Town to acquire property due to sewer lines

to be run through public ways for many years but were not technically accepted and are private ways. Attorney had performed a title search and then has to notify of 'sewer line easements'. No funds are needed at this time. Takings will only be made with no damages. Need the easements to install and maintain sewer lines. Pumping station is on land acquired through a tax taking approximately 10 years ago. Title may need to be confirmed through land court. No problems are foreseen. Private land easements to be done at a later date. All takings included in this article are in roadways. P. Helmreich notes this is a necessary step for protection of Town.

The Attorney notes any taking in which an award of money is needed, must go back to Town meeting.

One pump station is above ground at Alder and Reservoir; all others are underground

STM #8

P. Helmreich moves to recommend article 8

L. MacLean seconds

M. Hackett noted intent not stated in article.

B. Nugent notes need for easement and no real reason to go before the Town under eminent domain.

Discussion of unaccepted roadways.

8-1-0

P. Helmreich requests copies of Center plan for next meeting.

B. Kimball notes no financial impact study.

P. Helmreich notes once plan is done, grants can be submitted.

M. Hackett requests final audit for Workman's Comp.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 pm until
4-26-89 at approximately 7:30 pm