

**Finance Committee Minutes
Monday, March 20, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.
Municipal Center - Selectmen's Meeting Room**

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Call To Order

Meeting was called to Order at 7:32 p.m.

Present: Chairman, Mike Thomas; Vice-Chair, Paul Helmreich; Tom DeLuca, Angel Doyle, Mike Fiore, Donna Summerfield, and Lee Tarantino. Absent: Jackie Desrochers and Philip Zawasky.

1. Approval of Minutes

March 8, 2006 Minutes were reviewed. Mr. Helmreich, who typed minutes, would make minor change. No action was taken.

2. New Business

Mr. Purcell said the vocational school number given last week was \$186,543.00.

MATURING DEBT (711)

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend zero, Maturing Debt, Purchase of Services (520). Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend zero, Maturing Debt, Other Charges and Expenses (570). Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend zero, Maturing Debt, Other Expenses (579). Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$1,586,407.00, Maturing Debt, Debt Service (590). Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$128,334.00, Maturing Debt, Short-Term Debt (594). Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Interest (750)

MOTION was made by Helmreich to recommend zero for Interest, Other Charges and Expenses (570). Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$876,168.00, Interest, Debt Services (590). Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$6,500, 594, Interest, Short-Term Debt. Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (910)

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$1,567,963.00, Employee Benefits, Contributory Retirement (510). Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$5,550,000.00, Employee Benefits, Medical Insurance (511). Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$275,000.00, Employee Benefits, Social Security & Medicare (570). Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Purcell stated that six of the 19 entities were possibly to withdraw from system (joint purchase group) but now they are staying. Bylaw to change to provide 6-8 months notice.

Mr. Helmreich discussed the \$85,000 unemployment figure; and said it was a good number unless substantial layoffs occur.

MISCELLANEOUS (940)

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$130,000, Miscellaneous, Gasoline & Diesel (540). Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$345,000, Miscellaneous, Insurances (570), Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

STREET LIGHTING (425)

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$90,000.00, Street Lighting, Purchase of Services (520). Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Purcell stated it was not economical to buy lights at this point but he conducted research.

FINANCE COM. (131)

It was noted, if needed, FinCom could take additional amount from another account.

MOTION was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend \$3,355.00, Other Charges and Expenses (570). Second by Mr. Fiore. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Purcell said FinCom would receive budget books/binders for the next meeting and spoke of holding a couple of Saturday meetings in April.

He said Planning Board is slated to appear before FinCom on March 27; Public Safety on April 3 and Highway Superintendent on Wednesday, March 22.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to Adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Second by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Janet Sweeney, Finance Committee Recording Secretary