

Finance Committee Meeting
April 15, 2009
7:30 PM
Municipal Center – Selectmen's Conference Room

Present: Chairman, Michael Thomas; Pasquale Barletta; Robert Bouchard; Thomas DeLuca; Paul Helmreich; Lynn Regan; Lee Tarantino; Town Manager, James Purcell.

Absent: Wayne Graf; Jackie Desrochers; Cheryl McFaun; Philip Zawasky.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to Order at 7:35 pm.

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I. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Helmreich to approve the April 13, 2009 Finance Committee minutes as amended. Seconded by Mr. Tarantino. Vote: All in favor, with Ms. Regan abstaining. **Motion carries.**

II. New Business

A. Mr. Leon Dumont, Health Agent, presented a request for a **Reserve Fund transfer** in the amount of \$2,500 for the installation of three landfill soil gas monitoring wells and the testing of these wells.

Motion was made by Mr. Helmreich to transfer \$2,500 from the Finance Committee Reserve Fund to account number 001-438-570-5200-000 (Board of Health – Purchases of Services). Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

B. Mr. Dumont addressed the Finance Committee regarding the proposed **Board of Health FY10 budget**. After reviewing the budget amounts on both the Salary Sheet and the Budget Sheet, Mr. DeLuca pointed out that there were discrepancies in the amount of about \$10K. After discussion, it was concluded that the Salary Sheet was more of a "wish list", and not the level-funded budget that had been requested by Mr. Purcell. Mr. Helmreich said that a new budget proposal should be put together and given to the FinCom before the Committee would be able to vote on the Board of Health budget. Mr. Dumont reviewed for the FinCom the duties of the Health Agent as well as the Animal Inspector.

C. Mr. Dumont reviewed the FY10 proposed budget for the **Public Health Nurse**. He described the various duties of the Public Health Nurse, including flu clinics, camps, the council on aging, and the health fair. It was noted again that there were the same kinds of discrepancies between the Salary Sheet and the Budget Sheet as noted above. Again, the FinCom decided not to vote at this time regarding this budget.

D. Zoning Articles

Article 16 – Route 140/Barrows Street

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend Article 16. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: All opposed. **Article not recommended.**

Article 17 – Accessory Apts.

Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to recommend Article 17. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: Mr. Tarantino, Mr. Helmreich, Mr. DeLuca, and Ms. Regan in favor; Mr. Thomas, Mr. Barletta against; Mr. Bouchard abstaining. **Motion carries.**

Article 18 – Prohibition of LED signs

Motion was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend Article 18. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: All opposed. **Article not recommended.**

Article 19 – Regulation of LED signs

Mr. DeLuca questioned how the town would plan to reinforce the restrictions/guidelines of the bylaw. Mr. Helmreich said that he feels that these regulations would be put in place in the case that someone did complain and therefore there would be a bylaw in place to settle any complaints. He also said that he feels that now is the time to put something in place before the town has to "undo" something that has been done and then find themselves in a

situation that something is grandfathered in. Mr. Thomas said that he does not support the article because of all the components.

Motion was made by Mr. Bouchard to recommend Article 19. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Mr. Helmreich suggested waiting to take the vote until more members of the FinCom are present (4 are absent). Other members agreed.

Motion withdrawn.

Article 20 – Flood Plain

This article would bring the area up-to-date with state regulations.

Motion was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend Article 20. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

III. Other Business

Mr. Purcell said that the Highway Department will be in to address the FinCom next week regarding the FY10 budget.

Mr. Purcell said that there are 8 unions for the general government part of the town's employees. Of these 8 unions, 1 contract has been ratified, 1 ratification vote is expected to take place on Tuesday (4/21), 1 contract has agreed upon terms, 4 are still in the talking stage, and the final contract continues to be in negotiations with little progress. His hope is that most, if not all, 8 contracts will be settled by the June 8th Town Meeting.

Mr. Dumont noted that the Board of Health is having a Hazardous Waste Day on May 2 from 9-1. Also, there will be a Health Fair at the High School on May 6th from 2:30-5:30.

Mr. Helmreich mentioned that the report on the water tower is complete. Mr. Purcell said that he would email the report to all FinCom members.

Next Meeting

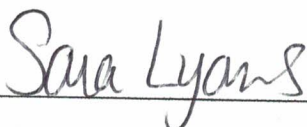
The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2009 at 7:30pm.

The Library will present their proposed FY10 budget to the Finance Committee on May 18th.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Bouchard to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary