

Recommendations of the Finance Committee prepared for the articles of the Semi-Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2009:

Article 1

Finance Committee recommends acceptance of any reports read. At the time of printing, Finance Committee is unaware of any reports to be read at Town Meeting.

Article 2

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 2 voting 5-3 with 1 member absent.

Finance Committee has great trepidation transferring money only 3 months into the Fiscal Year. The State is continuing to have revenue shortfalls and the Town may have to anticipate a cut in local aid.

Article 3

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 3 in the amount of \$1,741.11. These bills were incurred in a prior fiscal year and were not submitted in time for payment. This article requires a 9/10ths vote.

Article 4

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 4 as written.

Finance Committee anticipates that only Sections 4-8, 4-13, 4-19 and 4-23 will be included within the motion presented at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee will reconsider its vote at Town Meeting.

Article 5

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 5.

Finance Committee understands that this article will be passed over at Town Meeting.

Article 6

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 6 as written.

This article will be amended at Town Meeting. Finance Committee will reconsider its vote at Town Meeting.

Article 7

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 7 as written. This article will be amended at Town Meeting. Finance Committee will reconsider its vote at Town Meeting.

Article 8

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 8 in the amount of \$650,000. These funds will finance the sewer projects for a portion of North Street and all of Cold Spring Drive.

Article 9

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 9 as written. This article will be amended at Town Meeting. Finance Committee will reconsider its vote at Town Meeting.

Article 10

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 10. This article increases the tax assessment amount that senior taxpayers are allowed to work off to the recently revised statutory limit.

Article 11

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 11. Funding needed for the Special State Primary and Election to be held on December 8, 2009 and January 19, 2010 respectively, has been provided by a transfer from the Reserve Fund in the amount of \$14,000.00

Article 12

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 12. Changes to By-Laws must be voted on at Town Meeting. By making the change to the By-Law, the setting of the fee will be done by the Board of Selectmen on a go-forward basis and no longer requires Town Meeting approval, which is similar to many other Town permitting fees.

Article 13

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 13 in the amount of \$133,636.50. This article is a routine procedural article necessary to set aside Community Preservation Act funds for future use.

Article 14

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 14 in the amount of \$38,100.00

This article satisfies the Community Preservation Act requirement to reserve 10% of Community Preservation Act funds for affordable housing purposes.

Article 15

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 15 in the amount of \$38,100.00

This article satisfies the Community Preservation Act requirement to reserve 10% of Community Preservation Act funds for open space purposes.

Article 16

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 16 in the amount of \$38,100.00

This article satisfies the Community Preservation Act requirement to reserve 10% of Community Preservation Act funds for historical preservation purposes.

Article 17

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 17 as written.

Finance Committee understands that the motion to be presented at Town Meeting will clarify that the ramp will enable access to only a portion of the Library. Finance Committee will reconsider its vote at Town Meeting.

Article 18

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 18.

The fire escapes need to be restored. This is a public safety issue. Restoration of the fire escapes is the most cost effective way to address this serious liability and safety issue.

Article 19

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 19.

The Town needs to have these design plans completed in order for the Town to receive any future funding from the State or similar sources for future necessary renovation or construction projects.

Article 20

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 20.

This is the first year interest and principle payment on the 20 year bond on the Pell Farm property which the Town purchased in May 2009.

Article 21

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 21.

Currently there are funds set aside for payments for Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2012 and additional funds are not necessary or available at this time.

Article 22

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 22.

Currently, there is no funding source available for this article.

Article 23

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 23.

Currently, there is no funding source available for this article. The Finance Committee believes that further discussion of this concept is warranted.

Article 24

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 24.

This zoning by-law change is necessary in order to eliminate an apparent conflict regarding whether a massage therapy business is permitted and to more precisely define the licensing requirements for a permitted massage therapist.

Article 25

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 25.

Finance Committee concurs with the Planning Board's written report.

Article 26

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 26.

This article was approved by the Planning Board as "Complete" and accepted by the DPW and the Board of Selectmen.

Article 27

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 27.

Finance Committee understands that this article will be passed over at Town Meeting.

Article 28

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 28.

This article was approved by the Planning Board as “Complete” and accepted by the DPW and the Board of Selectmen.

