



**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
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March 29, 2006 approved Minutes of the Finance Committee on Saturday, March 12, 2016

Minutes  
 Wednesday, March 29, 2006  
 Public Hearing 7:30 PM  
 Conference Room B

**Public Meeting**

The public meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order at 7:31 PM with the following

**Finance Committee members present:**

Bob Foley, Doris Metivier, Gary Murray, Bill Hanley, Sue Robbins, Dave Ross.

**Finance Committee members absent:**

Fred Churchill, Don Davison

**Public Hearing**

Motion: Bob Foley moved that the public hearing of the Finance Committee open at 7:31 PM.

Seconded: Gary Murray. All in favor. Motion carries.

Post the meeting for April 5, 2006 for the following

Executive session at 7:45 AM to discuss MGL Chapter 39 23B Negotiations

**Perrault Property**

Chris Lemay and Roger Hammond are present to review the Warrant Article #1 re: purchase of the Perrault property (land behind the Center Library at the Common) in the amount of \$1.2 million subject to a Phase II.

- Phase I public records search; Phase II is to dig around on the property (roughly 12 -12.5 acres; including wetlands).
- This article will give the Board of Selectmen the opportunity
- #1 interest as the result of the Charette.
- 1<sup>st</sup> interest is for the Library
- Additional property for parking on the Common
- Building lots to provide additional funding
- Wetland issues and main road proximity may dictate a 40B.
- Frontage 160 feet.
- Potential to recover some of the costs of the purchase.

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**Discussion**

Is this the right time? Purpose to place it on this warrant is because the Perraults want to move forward on this.

Chris LeMay stated that there will be no hasty decisions made to purchase this property. All tests will be done prior to the purchase of the property.

Not to exceed \$1.4 million.

**Vote****Article 1**

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 1 not to exceed \$1.4 million dollars with all conditions attached.

Seconded: Gary Murray.

**Discussion**

Bill Hanley is concerned re: the amount of wetlands and the concern over the expense.

Concern to purchase the property for the parking lot. Wetland rule for every 1 acre taken then you must have 2 acres available. Currently approximately \$7,000.00 is invested by the Town on this Perrault property project

Aye	Nay
Bob Foley	Doris Metivier
Gary Murray	Bill Hanley
Sue Robbins	Dave Ross

Absent: Fred Churchill, Don Davison

Tie Vote. Motion is Defeated with a Tie vote.

Bob Foley discussed the concern over the Board of Selectmen decision to authorize.

Motion: Doris Metivier moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 1 as written.

Seconded: Sue Robbins

Motion: Doris Metivier withdrew her motion that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 1 as written

Seconded: Sue Robbins withdrew her second.

All voting for this motion were withdrawn.

**Article 2**

Jim Coughlin (see PH sign in sheet)

Environmental Issues.

- To bring town water to be brought down to the area that has 11 wells that are showing signs of contaminants.
- The citizens are investigating ways to receive funds to bring town water to the area.
- April 04<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Grafton Water District.
- The Citizens are suggesting that they receive funds from the Town and use the Betterment from the Grafton Water District to reimburse the Town.
- Raise and appropriate is a taxing on the town
- \$15,000 per home is an estimate.
- Board of Selectmen has a problem with the funds coming from the Stabilization Fund.
- Debts are increasing as a result of the opportunity to move forward with upgrading of the town's municipal projects. e.g., Fire Station, DPW

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- The source of contamination has not been determined.
- Ground water.
- Can the Town request a copy of an insurance policy

#### Fundamental Problem.

- The Town does not have a water district. To fund the betterment is not the part of the Town ownership.
- Westborough does not have any water to give to the North Grafton portion of Grafton.
- The neighborhood can meet with the Grafton Water District on 4/04/06 and will continue with the process.
- Is Article 2 an accurate process?

Discussion re: the concern throughout the Town regarding the personal wells. Discussion re: Perrault property and the priority to purchase this property by the Town.

Charette had more than 100 people who participated in the recommendation to purchase the property.

In January 2006, the Perraults have approached the Town with the information that an offer has been made.

#### Article 2

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 2.

Seconded: Dave Ross. All in favor. Motion carries.

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 2.

Discussion. Concern there will not be enough representation by the Town to defeat this article.

- The Town does not have liability
- DEP initial response action plan
- Finance Committee also opposes the use of the stabilization fund for future bond ratings, it will increase Town's taxes,
- DEP has jurisdiction over this issue.
- Legally the Town cannot transfer funds to an undesignated outside entity.

#### Warrant Articles

- School facilities needs committee will be placing a warrant article for the High School.
- What is the charge of this committee?
- Question for the Board of Selectmen: The School District is going ahead with this.
- Should the question regard working with the concept of the four main projects?
- Fire Station building committee will be placing an article for monies to fund the building project
- Milford Road and Hennessy II - proposal for the new high school.

#### Adjournment:

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the public hearing of the Finance Committee adjourn.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries

The public hearing of the Finance Committee adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Fiacco



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### Public Hearing Sign in Sheet

Name	Address	Warrant Article
W. E. H. E. W. E. Y.	11 MoLenth	
Boub Staszak	16 Stoneybrook Rd	
DONALD CLARK	34 NORTH ST.	
Richard McLeod	190 old Westhropky	
Jim Conyatin	6 Stoneybrook Rd	
Chris Kelley	27 1/2 Deerwood St	
Keith Nevins	28 Stoneybrook Rd	