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April 20, 2006 Minutes of the Finance Committee approved on March 12, 2016

Minutes
Thursday, April 20, 2006
Finance Committee
Public Hearing 7:30 PM
Office of the Board of Selectmen

Public Hearing

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

Finance Committee members present:

Doris Metivier, Fred Churchill, Bill Hanley, Sue Robbins, Dave Ross, Dharmesh Shah (7:33 PM).

Finance Committee members absent:

Bob Foley, Gary Murray, Don Davison

Roger Hammond is present as Acting Town Administrator to review the following:

Review of the Summary Recap sheet.

Stabilization Funds

- \$42,000 is currently in the Stabilization Fund.
- Surplus Overlay is from 2004
- \$147,000 is remaining from the sale of the Webber and Hennessy properties.
- These funds are remaining
- Seed money for future land projects
- Review the request from the Recreation Commission

Recreation

- Betty Wright, Recreation Coordinator is requested to come in on Tuesday, April 26, 2006.
- Recreation upgrade the needs of the department.
- Transfer request
Well testing and the water purifier

Special Town Meeting

Article 1

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 1.

Seconded: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 2

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

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 3

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 3.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Blurb: Susan Fiacco

53rd warrant

Transfer from the 53rd warrant FY05 to the 53rd warrant FY06 warrant in the amount of 18,744.43 leave amount off.

Annual Article 4

Brief Discussion

Share of the FY2007 interest expense incurred relative to the short term borrowing portion of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District's Capital Expansion Project

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

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries.

The public hearing of the Finance Committee opened at 7:58 PM.

Annual Town Meeting

Article 47

Fire Engineers are present to discuss the articles - John Carlson, Peter Snow and Michael Mills.

- Pay for land and reallocating the excess funds.
- Plus the purchase of the Cumberland Farms property in the amount of \$135,000.00.
- The Shortfall is for \$67,500.00.
- All permits will need to be approved prior to the purchase of the property.
- Debt exclusion election will be necessary.
- The hiring of an Owners Project Manager is now mandated for all projects over \$1.5 million.

Annual Town Meeting

Article 48

Construction of a new Fire Station.

Special Town Meeting

Article 4

Group Health Insurance- shortfall- people (use former warrant article recommendation)

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that special town meeting of the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 4.

Seconded: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

Discussion.

Annual Town Meeting

Article 49

Owner's Project Manager(OPM) in the amount of \$25,000.

- Review and come back in October town meeting 2006 to discuss the impact of the cost of the building and state reimbursement.
- If all goes well, the building should be completed in 2010.
- Formation of a building, which grades that the building will house will be determined.
- This committee is advising a High School.
- In the meantime, the building needs are being adjusted to accommodate student needs.
- Possibly module classrooms to free up building space
- Half day programs will work temporarily at the Superintendent's Building.
- 2006 109 Senior class this year; 180 per class coming up from Sophomore – Junior.

- A building committee will be established to be a committee of seven,
- Board of Selectmen and School committee, Finance Committee and the rest will be at large.
- Nine may be a better committee group.
- 250 per class from 3rd grade and below.
- Committee to come to the Finance Committee to discuss financial strategies.

Special Town Meeting

Article 5

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 5.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries.

It is understood that this article will be passed over.

Article 6

\$14,682.34

Transfer the funds from Salaries to expenses to cover the expenses of a local contractor.

This is a temporary situation until the appointment is made by the new Town Administrator.

Motion: Dave Ross moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 6.

Seconded: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

It is understood that this article will be passed over.

Article 7

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 7.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 8 Fred Churchill will write blurb.

Labor and Town counsel Union contracts

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 8 in the amount of \$10,000.00

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

Discussion: Labor and Town counsel/Union contracts

Article 9 Bill Hanley will write blurb.

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 9.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries. 12000 transfer to and from

Discussion: \$12,000.00 transfer to and from/Comp liability

Article 10

Motion: Sue Robbins moves that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 10.

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

Discussion: Search Committee in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Article 11

New bus driver to the end of the FY05. Part of the Annual budget for fy07

Motion: Dave Ross moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 11.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 12

Balance in the Blackstone Stabilization Fund is \$191,318.00.

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 12.

Seconded: Fred Churchill. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 13

Discussion

Fred to oppose passage and will recommend Article 13 be withdrawn.

Article 14

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 14.

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

Article 15 Fred Churchill will write blurb.

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage as written.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 16

John Clark will attend Tuesday, April 25, 2006 meeting to discuss.

Salaries to expenses

No action taken.

Article.17

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee approve passage of Article 17.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 18 Doris Metivier will write blurb.

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee approve passage of Article 18.

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

Article 19

Reimbursement from the Fall 2005 flood

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee approve passage of Article 19.

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

Article 20

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee approve passage of Article 20.

Seconded: Fred Churchill. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 21

Sewer alarm system

Motion: Dave Ross moved that the Finance Committee approve passage of Article 20.

Seconded: Sue Robbins.

Discussion

Dave Ross withdrew his motion.

Sue Robbins withdrew her second.

Article 22

Energy

No action taken.

Annual Town Meeting

Article 1

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 1.

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

Article 2

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Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries Motion:

Article 3

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Seconded: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries Motion:

Article 4

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 4.

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

Article 5

Conservation agent and cost of living increase.

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 5.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries

Article 6

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 6.

Seconded: Fred Churchill. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 7

No action taken.

Article 8

No action taken.

Article 9

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 9.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 10

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

Article 11

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Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 12

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Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 13

No action taken.

Article 14

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 14.

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

Article 15

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 15.

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

Article 16

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 16.

Seconded: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 17

No action taken.

Article 18

Motion: Dave Ross moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 18.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 19

No action taken.

Roger Hammond will provide back up

Article 20

No action taken.

Article 21

Gary Murray will write blurb.

Motion: Dave Ross moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 21.

Seconded: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 22

Fred Churchill will write blurb.

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 22.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries..

Article 23

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 23.

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

Article 24

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 24.

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

Article 25

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 25.

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

Article 26

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

Article 27

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 27.

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

Article 28

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 28.

Seconded: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

Articles 29, 30, 31

Jennifer O'Neill sent a memo of explanation.

Articles 32, 33, 34

Sewer Enterprise will come in for explanation.

Article 35

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 35.

Seconded: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 36

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 36.

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

Article 37

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 37.

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

Discussion re stabilization vs. long range plans to be discussed next week.

Article 38

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 38.

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

Article 39

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 39.

Seconded: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 40

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 40..

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

Dave

Article 41

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 41.

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

Article 42

Motion: Bill Hanley moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 42.

Seconded: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 43

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 43.

Seconded: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries

Article 44

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 44.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 45

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 45.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries

Article 46

No action taken.

Board of Health will come in to discuss.

Article 47 Sue Robbins will write blurb.

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 47

Seconded: Dave Ross. All in favor. Motion carries

Article 48 Doris Metivier will write blurb.

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 48.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries

Article 49

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 49.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries

Dave Ross opposes passage.

Article 50

Discussion re: the stabilization fund

- \$25,000.00 - \$50,000.00 to find for this fund
- Health insurance or raise receipts
- If fees stay the same, then the raising of local receipts is warranted.

Adjournment:

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

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

The public hearing of the Finance Committee closed at 10:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Fiacco



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FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 20, 2006

Public Hearing Sign in Sheet

Name	Address	Warrant Article
✓ John L. Carlson	42 OLD UPWARD	47/48
✓ Pierre Snow	10 JORDAN TERR	47/48
✓ Michael Mills	78 Bayham Hill Rd	47/48
✓ Dave Robbins	92 George Hill Rd	49
✓ Phil McCarty	110 Old Westboro	49
✓ Bob Mulvey	22 Blanchard	49
✓ Joseph Cannors	22 Bruce St	49