



FINANCE COMMITTEE

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April 25, 2006 approved Minutes of the Finance Committee on Saturday, March 12, 2016

Minutes
 Tuesday, April 25, 2006
 Public Hearing
 7:30 PM
 Office of the Board of Selectmen

Public Hearing

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 was called to order at 7:31 PM with the following **Finance Committee members present:**

Bob Foley, Gary Murray, Fred Churchill, Bill Hanley, Sue Robbins.

Finance Committee members absent:

Doris Metivier, Don Davison, Dave Ross, Dharmesh Shah

Articles

Article 23 Special Town Meeting Reviewed 4/25/06

- Betty Wright, Recreation Coordinator, is present to review this article.
- Brochures have created the costs
- \$2,725.55 remains in the repair and maintenance
- Well testing has been done and it has failed due to high iron content.
- Transfer request for well testing
- Suggesting temporary fencing
- Electrical wiring update
- Lights and sensor lights are not working correctly

Article 46 of the Annual Town Meeting Reviewed 4/25/06

**Susan Needs Vote 4/25/06

- Lois Luniewicz from Board of Health will be in
- Packet received and Lois is present to discuss Article 46.
- Wayne Nicholas is present to discuss zoning articles and various citizen petitions relative to zoning and/or planning

Article 50 Reviewed 4/25/06

- Planning recommends Article 50

Article 51 Reviewed 4/25/06 Gary will write blurb.

- Planning would like explanation on town meeting floor
- Finance Committee understands that this article will be passed over on town meeting floor.
- ** Needs Vote 4/24/06
- Wayne Nicholas will be in

Article 52 Reviewed 4/25/06

- ** Needs Vote 4/24/06
- Wayne Nicholas will be in 7:30 P.M. 4/25/06
- Article 52 Bill
- Affordable housing
- If not approved , then it will have to wait until May 2007 to review with the Town.
- This will develop a trust with the Board of Selectmen.

Article 54 Reviewed 4/25/06

- Planning recommends Article 54 citizen representation.
- ** Needs Vote 4/24/06
- Bill Wayne will be in

Article 55 Reviewed 4/25/06 Gary to write blurb.

- ** Needs Vote 4/24/06
- Wayne Nicholas will be in
- Rezoning on 2 South Street
- Citizen present to discuss this article
- Maryann Sudmyer who suggested that the Finance Committee pass over this article at Town meeting. (see letter from the Sudmyer's)
- Issue of non-conforming use
- Has a 2 year time frame that has been exceeded.

Article 21 Reviewed 4/25/06

- Dave Therrien and Chuck Bohaboy are present.
- Due to the new police station, the alarm system for Sewer will need to be installed in the amount of \$90,000.00.
- This will cover 12 stations for the sewer line.
- There was not a funded plan to take care of moving the equipment from the new station to the old station.
- From Sewer free cash, since this is an upgrade in the facility use and is appropriate use of the funds.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Discussion Topics

- Roger Hammond any information on these 2 articles
- Article 19 organ donor state law
- Article 20 drainage easement SKM Realty
- Jennifer- Assessors
- Articles 29, 30, 31 3/14/06

- Have you been in touch with the Jennifer O'Neill to attend and/or provide a memo for the 4/25 public hearing of the Finance Committee for explanation?
- Snow and Ice put on the recap
- Russ majority of the funds should have come in from Health Ins.
- Suggesting temporary fencing
- Electrical wiring update.
- Lights and sensor lights are not working correctly.
- Wayne Nicholas is present to discuss zoning articles and various citizen petitions relative to zoning and/or planning

Susan Voted 4/20/06

Article 5

- Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 5 in the amount of \$62,000.00
- Finance Committee supports the cost of living increase for various non-union departments and the upgrade in the Classification Plan from M-3 to M-4 for the Conservation Agent and a new position for Sanitation classification S-1.
- An additional \$10,000.00 will be used for review of all non-union positions in particular pay scales.

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee reconsider Article 5.

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

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 5 in the amount of \$72,000.00.

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

Voted 4/20/06 Additional voting not needed copy this article back to the recommendations.

Article 48

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 48.

This article will allow the Town to borrow the funds necessary for the construction of a new Fire Station/Fire Headquarters in the center of the Town. The Finance Committee understands that said approval will be contingent upon the Town voting to exempt by debt exclusion the amount required to pay for such bonding.

**Voted 4/20/2006 Reconsider 4/25/06

Article 49 Sue Robbins

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 49.

Motion to reconsider Article 49.

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee reconsider Article 49.

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

Discussion

Article 49.

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee oppose Article 49 as written.

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

Discussion with Treasurer-collector, John Clark and Assessor Jennifer O'Neil re:
Stabilization and the source of funding.

\$62,643.00 for stabilization

***Make note for possible Additional \$20,000.00 - \$30,000.00 for Medicare D program. Could be placed in Stabilization Fund in October 2006.

**Needs vote and recommendation 4/25/06

Article 13 Special Town Meeting Veterans and flags plaques

Discussion

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 13.

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

Finance Committee will reconsider this article at town meeting floor.

Finance Committee is concerned that this project is already 150% over budget.

**Needs Vote

Review with Collector/Treasurer on Tues. 4/25

Salaries to expenses

Article 16 Special Town Meeting

- Attorney was hired in 2004.
- Collect as you collect.
- Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 16.
- These transfers will allow the Treasurer/Collector department to complete operation until the end of the fiscal year.

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 16 in the amount of \$2,422.79.

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

**Sue Robbins Needs vote Discuss with the Sewer Commissioners

Article 21 Special Town Meeting

Article 21 Reviewed 4/25/06

- Dave Therrien and Chuck Bohaboy are present.
- Due to the new police station, the alarm system for Sewer will need to be installed in the amount of \$90,000.00.
- This will cover 12 stations for the sewer line.
- There was not a funded plan to take care of moving the equipment from the new station to the old station.
- From Sewer free cash, since this is an upgrade in the facility use and is appropriate use of the funds.

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 21 in the amount of \$90,000.00.

**Sue Robbins Needs vote Discuss with the Sewer Commissioners

Article 22 Special Town Meeting Reviewed 4/25/06

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 22 in the amount of \$ 230,000.00.

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

****Needs vote Discuss with Recreation Commission 4/25/06**

Article 23 Special Town Meeting

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 23.

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

Discussion

Passed over on town meeting floor.

Article 23 Special Reviewed 4/25/06

- Betty Wright is present to review this article.
- Brochures have created the costs
- \$2,725.55 remains in the repair and maintenance
- Well testing has been done and it has failed due to high iron content.
- Transfer request for well testing
- Recreation upgrade needs of the department for FY06
- Transfer request for the following: Well testing and the water purifier

****Needs vote 4/25/06 needs figure**

Article 7 Annual Town Meeting

- Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 7 in the amount of \$37,529,923.00
- The Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Temporary Town Administrator, Department Heads, Boards and Committees, has worked hard to satisfy the needs of the Town and to create a balanced budget for the fiscal year 2007.

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 7 in the amount of \$37,529,923.00.

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

****Needs vote 4/25/06**

Article 8

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 8.in the amount of \$1,863,944.00.

This capital budget in the amount of \$1,863,944.00 will fund the listed projects with the following funding sources: from sewer bond \$445,000.00; from Chapter 90 funds \$503,306.00 from free cash and raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$915,638..00.

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 8 in the amount of \$1,863,944.00.

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

****Susan Needs Vote 4/20/06 need list 4/25/06 Ask Tricia Fay, Town Accountant, for the list.**

Article 13

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 13 as written.

Finance Committee anticipates that the list and the amount of the unexpended balances of special appropriations will be prepared for Town Meeting.

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 13.

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

4/25/06 Motion to reconsider Article 13.

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee reconsider passage of Article 13.

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

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 13.

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

**Susan Voted 4/20/06 Discussion to continue Stabilization vs. Long range plans.

How much is in this account?

Reconsider Article 36.

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee reconsider Article 36.

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

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 36 in the amount of \$20,000.00.

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

Article 36

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 36 in the amount of \$20,000.00.

These funds will be used by the Department of Public Works for various drainage projects within the Town.

**Susan Voted 4/20/06

Discussion to continue Stabilization vs. Long range plans. How much is in this account ask Roger Hammond.

4/25/06 Motion to reconsider Article 37.

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee reconsider Article 37.

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

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 37 in the amount of \$20,000.00.

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

Article 37

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 37.

These funds will be used by the Department of Public Works for various sidewalk projects within the Town.

Susan Need vote 4/25/06

Article 17

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 17.

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

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 17.

Finance Committee understands that there may be a list.

**Needs Vote 4/25/06

Article 18

Back up information to be provided by Roger Hammond.
Discussion: organ donor information

Article 19

Needs vote 4/25/06

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

Seconded: Bill Hanley.

Aye	Nay
Bob Foley	Fred Churchill
Gary Murray	
Bill Hanley	
Sue Robbins	

Motion carries.

Finance committee recommends passage of Article 19.

The acceptance of this provision will allow an employee to take a leave of absence of not more than 30 days to service as an organ donor. The employee will not incur a loss or reduction of pay nor will the employee lose leave to which he is otherwise entitled or lose credit of time or service.

Article 20

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 20.

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

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 20.

This easement allows the town of Grafton to maintain the extension of an existing drainage pipe.

Susan

***Article 27 Voted 4/20/06 Review and find this article in October 2005.

*Article 20 (10/2005)

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 20.

This article establishes a revolving fund to receive outside payments
For a Fire Sprinkler System Review.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 27.

This article reauthorizes a revolving fund to receive outside payments
For a Fire Sprinkler System Review.

Susan Voted 4/20/06

***Article 28

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 28.

Finance Committee understands that this article may be passed over on Town Meeting floor. This transaction for this article has taken place in the Special Town meeting warrant Article 14.

****Needs Vote 4/24/06** memo from Assessors n

Article 29 4/25/06 Fred Churchill's blurb

Jennifer O'Neil is present to review this article.

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 29.

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

****Needs Vote 4/24/06** memo from Assessors needed Roger?

Article 30 Fred Churchill's blurb

Jennifer O'Neil is present to review this article.

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 30.

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

****Needs Vote 4/24/06** memo from Assessors needed

Article 31 Fred Churchill's blurb

Jennifer O'Neil is present to review this article.

Effects Veterans of war only a full exemption instead of a partial exemption.

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 31.

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

****Needs Vote 4/24/06** Sewer Commissioners

Article 32 Reviewed on 4/25/06

As a result of the flooding 10/05

Sewer overflow repair fund

Motion: Gary Murray moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 32.

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

****Needs Vote 4/24/06** Sewer Commissioners

Article 33 Reviewed on 4/25/06

In the amount of \$20,000

Motion: Gary Murray moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 33.

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

****Needs Vote 4/24/06** Sewer Commissioners

Article 34 Pass over the account

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 34.

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

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 34.

Finance Committee understands that this article will be passed over on town meeting floor.

Article 46 of the Annual Reviewed 4/25/06

****Susan Needs Vote 4/25/06** Lois from Board of Health will be in

Article 46

Packet received and Lois Luniewicz is present to discuss Article 46.

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 46.

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

Gary Murray will write the blurb

**Voted 4/20/06

Article 49 Sue Robbins

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 49.

Reconsideration of Article 49.

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 49 as written.

Seconded: Bob Foley. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Needs Vote 4/24/06 Wayne Nicholas will be in .

Article 50 Gary

Article 50 Reviewed 4/25/06

Planning recommends article 50

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee reconsider passage of Article 50.

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

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 50.

Finance Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Planning Board.

Article 51 Reviewed 4/25/06

Planning would like explanation on town meeting floor.

Finance Committee understands that this article will be passed over on town meeting floor.

** Needs Vote 4/24/06 Wayne Nicholas will be in.

Article 51 Gary

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 51.

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

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 51.

Finance Committee understands that this article will be passed over on town meeting floor.

Article 52 Reviewed 4/25/06

** Needs Vote 4/24/06 Wayne Nicholas will be in at 7:30 PM 4/25/06

Article 52 Bill Hanley will write blurb.

Affordable housing

If not approved then it will have to wait until May 2007 to review with the Town.

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 52.

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

** Needs Vote 4/24/06

Article 53

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 53

This article allows the town to place \$60,000.00 into our Stabilization Fund. This amount adds to our reserves for future major expenses.

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 53 in the amount of \$ 60,000.00.

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

4/20/06 Discussion re: the stabilization fund

\$25,000- \$50,000 to find for this fund. Health insurance or raise receipts

If fees stay the same, then the raising of local receipts is warranted.

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** Needs Vote 4/24/06

Article 54

Article 54 Reviewed 4/25/06

Planning recommends Article 54 Citizen representation.

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 54.

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

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 54.

Finance Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Planning Board.

** Needs Vote 4/24/06

Article 55 Reviewed 4/25/06

Rezoning on 2 South Street

Citizen present to discuss this article. Maryann Sudmyer, who suggested that the Finance Committee pass over this article, at Town meeting. (see letter from the Sudmyer's Issue of non-conforming use has a 2 year time frame. That has been exceeded.

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 55.

Seconded: Sue Robbins.

Discussion.

Bob Foley has decided not to recuse himself.

All in favor. Motion carries.

** Susan Needs Vote 4/24/06

Article 56

Motion: Gary Murray moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 56.

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

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 56.

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

**** Needs Vote 4/24/06**

Article 57 Sewer Commissioners

Motion: Bill Hanley moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 57.

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

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 57.

Finance Committee feels strongly that Infrastructure decisions should not be made on Town meeting floor. (56 and 57)

Susan** Needs Vote 4/24/06

Article 58

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee oppose passage of Article 58.

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

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 58.

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

Voted 4/24/06

Article 59

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee recommend passage of Article 59.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

rental property fees.

Use Don Davison's blurb.

Adjournment:

Public Meeting

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee close its public meeting.

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

The Finance Committee adjourned its public meeting at 11:28 PM.

Public Hearing

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee close its public meeting.

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

The Finance Committee adjourned its public hearing at 11:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Fiacco



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FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 25, 2006

Public Hearing Sign in Sheet

Name	Address	Warrant Article
MARIAM Szymyer	204 Church St	55
DAVE THERRIEN	14 MORANSEY RD	
Jennifer O'NEIL	14 Milford Rd	
Jis Lmirewicz	30 Providence Rd	46
John Clark	30 Providence	53 special
Betty W. Smith	30 Providence Rd.	
Wayne Nicholas	30 PROVIDENCE RD.	50, 51, 52, 54, 55
Chuck Bohabayer	15 Arcadia st.	21, 22 special 32, 33, 34, 58