



FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Agenda
 Finance Committee
 Public Meeting/Public Hearing
 Finance Committee Conference Room
 Thursday, October 01, 2015
 7:00 P.M.

Public Meeting

Finance Committee Chairman Joel Schwendemann called the public meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 7:00 P.M.

Public Hearing

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee continue its public hearing.

Seconded: Lisa Brovelli Kelley. All in favor. Motion carries.

The continued public hearing opened at 7:00 P.M.

Finance Committee

Present:

Joel Schwendemann, Jennifer Dorazio(7:05 P.M.), Roger Currier(7:05 P.M.), Don Davison, Lisa Brovelli Kelley, Heather McCue, Ed Prisby.

Absent:

Denise Nault, Sue Robbins.

Article 22

- Chief Normand Crepeau, Jr. is present to discuss Article 22 and provided a handout for Finance Committee.
- The many loop holes that would allow the use of marijuana in public areas were presented.
- This article will provide the tools in Grafton for prohibiting and deterring public use of marijuana.
- Concerns about the use of marijuana in Grafton.
- The Chief would like to treat the public use of marijuana equivalent to the public use of alcohol.

Article 26

- John Carlson is present to discuss this article and verify that the article is recommended as written.
- Membership to 7 works better for the Affordable Housing Trust Committee. Brief discussion took place with Ed Prisby and John Carlson relative to the number of Committee members and resulting quorum requirements.

Further discussion points:

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Duties have been expanded to include more officers including Treasurer to handle funds that come in.

Funds will be kept in segregated account

Master plan from the state is to become an action plan for Grafton.

Affordable Housing Trust will hold open house informational evenings in the near future.

Library Planning and Building Committee representative from the Finance Committee

- There is a vacancy on the Library Planning and Building Committee since Lisa Rice has stepped down as a member of the Finance Committee in June 2015.
- Ed Prisby stated that he is interested in representing the Finance Committee on the Library Planning and Building Committee.

Budget Subcommittee of the School Department review of the dates and times

- Jennifer Dorazio and Lisa Brovelli Kelley will continue to represent the Finance Committee on the Budget Subcommittee of the Grafton Public Schools.

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September 09, 2015

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee approve the minutes of September 09, 2015 as presented.

Seconded: Ed Prisby. All in favor. Motion carries.

Community Preservation Committee Articles

- Joann Duncan and John Stephens are present to review the CPC articles 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
- Joann provided the Finance Committee with a brief history of CPA funds
State Match
2002 was when the CPC started and the State funding match was at 100%
For FY16, the article funding has been projected at a low and conservative 18%
- Adjustments to any of these articles will be made at the May 2016 Town Meeting if necessary.
- Article 10, 11, 12, 13 are straightforward articles that are basically housekeeping articles.
- A hand out was given to Review the funding of the FY2016 CPA funds Summary
- Article 14

This article was submitted by the Town Administrator and will be passed over.

Discussion followed concerning the Finance Committee's process of writing the blurbs or recommendations for each article.

Article 25

- Jennifer Thomas is present and reviewed the amendments made to the design, access and drainage of the Super Park location.
- Over the summer 2015, Norm Hill Land reviewed and provided cost estimates for the site's construction needs.
- DPW will likely do \$50,000.00 worth of the site construction work.
- The driveway entrance to the Super Park is about 300 feet.
- The Figures are higher at this time and Jennifer hopes to get them down lower as the projects proceeds.
- Funding discussion
\$290,000.00 is being request in this Article 5 with a funding source of Overlay Surplus.

\$100,000.00 was provided from CPC in May 2015

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There is a plan to approach CPC for additional funding sources in the near future

Private fundraising will take place

Creeper Hill tower cell lease funds could become available for Super Park.

The Capital List has another \$210,000.00 for Super Park but it will not be needed if the funds are received from the October Town Meeting 2015.

When completed the total cost will be approximately \$628,000.00.

Assignment of articles to Finance Committee members for recommendation preparation

Finance Committee members	Article #
Joel Schwendemann	21, 22, 25
Jennifer Dorazio	9, 24
Roger Currier	16, 19
Don Davison	4, 23
Lisa Brovelli Kelley	5, 20
Heather McCue	2, 3
Ed Prisby	17, 18, 26
Susan Fiacco	1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 27, 28

Adjournment

Continue the public hearing

Motion Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee continue its Public Hearing to 7:00 P.M. in the Finance Committee Conference Room.

Seconded Lisa Brovelli Kelley.

The public hearing of the Finance Committee adjourned to time and place at 8:05 P.M.

Discussion

Ed Prisby asked if the Finance Committee would request the Norman Hill Land estimates for Super Park in writing.

Close the public meeting

Motion: Lisa Brovelli Kelley moved that the Finance Committee close its public meeting.

Seconded: Heather McCue. All in favor. Motion carries.

The public meeting of the Finance Committee adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Fiacco