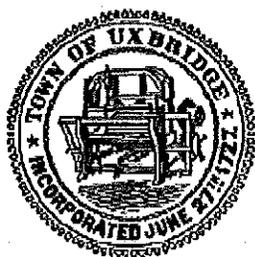


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Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 6, 2011

Place: Lower Town Hall

Present:

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| Peter DeMers | P | Mark Andrews | P | Howard Fortner | P |
| Christine Horwath | A | Ed Maharay | A | John Morawski | P |
| Ray Wright | P | | | | |

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

1. Attend Charter Review Committee meeting—At the request of the Uxbridge Charter Review Committee, the Finance Committee attended the Charter Review Committee’s April 6th meeting. As a matter of protocol, the Finance Committee meeting was called to order by the Finance Committee Chair, Mr. DeMers, just prior to the Charter Review Committee meeting being called to order by the acting Chair, Mr. Dubois. A joint meeting between the two committees was held. Mr. Dubois ran the agenda for the joint session.

The Finance Committee, having reviewed the current Town Charter as a Committee on its meeting of March 22, 2011, and individually, was asked to present its recommendations to the Charter Review Committee during this meeting and participate in discussions on various topics. The Charter Review Committee did not have a quorum present until 8:29 PM, at which time it was proclaimed to be in complete session.

After a call for a Public Forum and a note on decorum for the meeting, the Chair of the Charter Review Committee asked the Chair of the Finance Committee for comments.

Working from the current Town Charter that had been annotated with the Finance Committee’s notes from the meeting of March 22, 2011, Mr. DeMers presented the suggestions and concerns of the Finance Committee. These comments were, for the most part, specific to those parts of the Town Charter relevant to financial matters. Mr. Fortner pointed out that he had not been present at the Finance Committee meeting of March 22 and offered additional comments and suggestions.

In general, the minutes from the Finance Committee meeting of March 22, 2011, reflect the content of the suggestions made by the Finance Committee. These include

modernizing the forms by which information is disseminated to the voters, confining Finance Committee recommendations on the Warrant of the Spring Annual Town Meeting to financial matters, clarifying the definition of a Town Officer, including forward-looking policy setting authority for the Town's Executive Branch of Government, the Board of Selectmen, and incorporating a means for Finance Committee review of amendments to the Warrant of the Spring Annual Town Meeting, especially those that may potentially upset the balance of the Town budget.

Specific subjects covered included the following:

Article 2, Section 3, Committees

Article 2, Section 5, Special Town Meeting

Add last two sentences of Section 7 (c) of Article 2 which read, "Whenever a Special Town Meeting, the board of selectmen shall give notice by publication in a local newspaper of such intention and shall notify all Town agencies of its intention to do so. The board of selectmen shall include in the warrant, for such Special Town Meeting, the subject matter of all petitions which are received at its office on or before the close of the fifth business day following such publication."

Article 3, Elected Officers, Section 2, Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, and School Committee

Article 6, Finance and Fiscal Procedures, Section 2, School Committee Budget, Section 7 c, Action by Town Meeting; d, Reports of the Finance Committee

At this point in the discussion, 8:29 PM, the Charter Review Committee was declared to be in complete session, as a member joined the meeting.

Article 7, Section 7, Procedures governing multi-member bodies

The Finance Committee's minutes of March 22, 2010 provide a more detailed summary of the committee's thoughts regarding the Charter.

When appropriate, the Charter Review Committee provided historical context as to the reasoning behind the content and wording of the original document. Without committing to action on any of the Finance Committee's input, the Charter Review Committee made notes, asked questions, and provided a forum for open discussion on the subject at hand.

Upon Mr. DeMers concluding the Finance Committee's recommendations, the Charter Review Committee asked several questions of the Finance Committee on the topics of the form of Town Government, the seats on the Board of Selectmen, and a few other subjects that were not necessarily specific to the Town's financial matters. After listening to the responses of the members of the Finance Committee, the Chair for the Charter Review Committee stated that all items on the agenda for the joint session of the meeting had been covered.

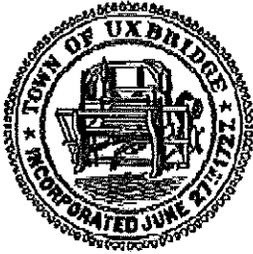
The Finance Committee Chair continued with the agenda for the Finance Committee:

2. Old business—None.
3. New business—None.

4. Adjournment—Motion made at 9:13 PM.

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

| Motion | To adjourn meeting. | | | | |
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| 1 st | MA | 2 nd | JM | Vote | 5-0-0 |



Finance Committee Approval Sheet

| Name | Signature | Date |
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| Peter DeMers | <i>P. DeMers</i> | 06/07/2011 |
| Mark Andrews | <i>Mark Andrews</i> | 06/07/2011 |
| Howard Fortner | <i>Howard Fortner</i> | 6-7-2011 |
| Christine Horwath | | |
| Ed Maharay | | |
| John Morawski | | |
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