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Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 20, 2011

Place: Board of Selectmen Room

Present:

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

1. Call to Order: 7:00 PM

2. Minutes: The review of the minutes was tabled until a later meeting.

3. Public Hearing:

a. Article 4 – Town Budget

Town Clerk (161) and Elections (162): David Genereux, Finance Director, reviewed the proposed budgets.

Police Dept. (210), Emergency Management (291) and Animal Control (292): Police Chief Freitas reviewed the budgets. The Police budget, as with the other municipal departments, was cut 2% from its FY10 base. In meeting this target, the chief had to cut his overtime account. The chief expressed concern about this as the proposed budget is less than what he needs. The chief said if he was unable to cover the overtime budget layoffs would be required to meet the budget. When asked if the Town Manager had met with him on his budget the answer was “no”. The chief answered a number of questions about the status of his fleet. Of the eight used to patrol the town, the chief thought only three had less than 100,000 miles. Mr. Genereux indicated that there would be a transfer under Article 2 for a new police cruiser.

Conservation (171) and Planning (175): The staff position supporting these two functions was reduced to half time in total (or quarter time for each function) in order to meet the budget.

Pout Pond (631): The budget was increased to \$3,282 to accommodate treatment for invasive weeds.

Heath Insurance: The cost for Fallon went up 9% while the cost for Blue Cross went up 6% for an overall increase of 6.4%.

b. Article 25 – Amend Zoning Bylaws Chapter 400

Mr. Mark Anderson spoke to the petition article. The article seeks an exemption for solar power in the recently passed bylaw governing electrical generating facilities. The current bylaw requires 15 acres. Given the fact that solar generators only need 3 acres to generate

their maximum output of 0.5 megawatts, the petition seeks to reduce the acreage requirement to 5 acres for solar power. The Planning Board has voted in favor of the article.

c. Article 16 – Amend Flood Overlay District

The article seeks to establish an overlay district for floodplain that conforms to those identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Adoption of the article will make individuals living within the district eligible for insurance under the national flood insurance program.

d. Article 17 – Amend Zoning Bylaw Table of Use Regulations

The article seeks to broaden the use of buildings which are 4,000 sq. ft. or greater, built prior to 1930 and listed on the National Historic Register. It is believed that the recent attempt to sell Blanchard School failed, in part, because of the zoning restrictions placed on the building. Adoption of the bylaw would affect six buildings in town.

e. Article 24 – High School Entry Easement

The article would provide an easement for entry onto the high school property.

Town counsel review of the warrant: Mr. Fortner requested that this review be forwarded to the committee.

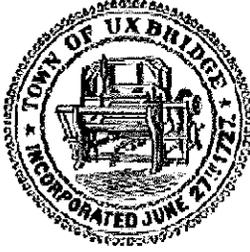
4. Old Business: None.

5. New Business: None.

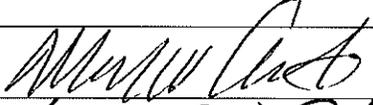
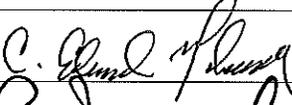
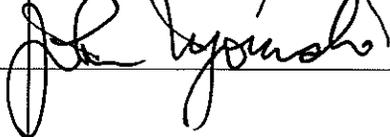
6. Adjournment:

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

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| Motion | To adjourn meeting at 9:30 pm. | | | | |
| 1 st | JM | 2 nd | MA | Vote | 6-0-0 |



Finance Committee Approval Sheet

| Name | Signature | Date |
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| Peter DeMers | | |
| Mark Andrews |  | 4-26-11 |
| Howard Fortner |  | 4-26-11 |
| Christine Horwath | | |
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