

## **Finance Committee**

Date: April 5, 2007

Place: Board of Selectmen's Room

Time: 7:00PM

Present: Mary Wickstrom, chairman, Mark Andrews, vice chairman, George Goulet, Peter Demers, Sandy Rice secretary

Absent: Ed Maharay

## **Agenda**

### Minutes

None at this time

### Public Hearing for the Spring Annual Town Meeting

Motion to reopen the public hearing made by George/Mark, unanimous vote.

### *School Department*

Ernie Esposito, chairman of the school committee stated that their budget provides the best possible service and the school committee worked in partnership with the town manager.

Don Sawyer provided a handout FY08 School Department Budget Request. There will be a full day kindergarten fee based available. The overall budget increase is 5.4%. The school is looking for help from the legislatures to pay for mandates of special education. The special education budget is close to 50% of the budget and needs to have further analysis.

*Bus transportation.* Buses are parked in North Uxbridge and if bus is scheduled for a route we own that route contract.

### *Article #11 Good Shepherd*

We have spent \$600,000 to date on this contract. The contract for next year will be \$120,000 which includes utilities.

### Public comments.

Does the new high school included plans to renovate the old high school? The answer is no and that buildings will be reconfigured.

### *General Government*

Presentation given by Dave Genereaux.

Moderator no budget.

Selectmen/Town Manager

Revised addition of MORE. Senior tax work off now under the overlay account.

Town Audit

We have maintained an updated list on an annual basis on GASB.

Town Counsel

\$125,000 was budget but in reality it should be \$160,000. We have spent \$79,882 to date with \$13,000 due plus another 4 months.

Computer

Tax Title

This pays cost of closure and legal document that have to be recorded.

Public Comment on above items.

The budget was not available to the public for the public hearing. The town manager stated that it was available on the web. It is illegal to spend money that is not budgeted for. Town council expenses are uncontrolled. Some line items belong to the board of selectmen.

Town Hall Janitor

The school has a line item for maintenance which helps out the town hall maintenance.

Town Hall Reports

Level funded. There is money in the town manager's budget to mail the warrant.

Blanchard

There is a security system for fire and water.

Lighting the Flag

Revised request is for \$1,200.00.

Public comment. The public would like a list of salaries to be furnished in order to review.

Motion to continue the public hearing to April 10, 2007 made by Howard/Mark, unanimous vote.

Old Business

Would like a different format for the school/building maintenance account.

Reviewed list of expenditures in default.

Bills are being paid without money in account

Budget deficit update will be coming from the town manager.

Howard offered a suggestion for personnel cuts and a 1.6 million override, which would raise the tax rate \$1.00.

New Business

Motion to pay Community Newspaper for \$37.95 for legal ad made by Howard/Mark, unanimous vote.

Motion made by George/Howard to salute the flag before each meeting, unanimous vote.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Mark/Howard, unanimous vote...