

Finance Committee

Date: April 10, 2007

Place: Board of Selectmen's Room

Time: 7:00PM

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

Agenda

Minutes

No minutes at this time

Agenda Items

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

Public Hearing

Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical High School presented by Michael Fitzpatrick. Budget is \$1,696,696. There is an increase of \$213,849 new dollars and an increase of 22 students. The per pupil cost for Uxbridge is \$8,402. There are a total of 190 students from Uxbridge. There is \$180 more for each Uxbridge student over last year. BVT lives with the requested amount. 20% of students are on IEP's

Town Clerk presented by Dave Genereaux with Joe Kaplan in attendance. The part time position is not funded.

Election and Registration presented by Dave Genereaux with Joe Kaplan in attendance. There are 4 elections in 2008. There could be a problem with this budget.

Library presented by Dave Genereaux with Susan Stanovich also speaking. One part time page is not funded. Electricity and oil are increased. Susan feels can live with this budget. They have used the town/ school maintenance account for water damage repairs. There is an 8% increase in salaries because this was adjusted at a previous town meeting.

Historical presented by Francis Cove. The biggest problem is the heat. The building is closed December to March. Future problems are the building needs to be painted and eventually a new roof.

Fire Department presented by Dave Genereaux with Peter Ostroskey answering questions. Cuts came from salary and there are no new positions and a decrease in expenses. This is a status quo budget and Peter feels that he can make this budget work.

Ambulance. They are getting closer to paramedic care. The department works off of Medicare approved rates. ALS salary increases are already in the contract, a 5% increase.

Article #20 Medicare This article will be postponed. Bill Kessler will have a recommendation by June.

Article #19 Stabilization. Would like to see what town counsel says about the legality of this article. Jill states that a town manager is held accountable is disobey a By Law. Discussion included maintaining 5% in the stabilization account. This would be funded from free cash when it is certified.

Motion made by Mark/Ed to continue the public hearing to April 12, 2007, unanimous vote.

Old Business

Introduction of the new town accountant.

Reserve Fund Transfers

Town Manager expense, \$35,000 motion to accept made by Mark/Ed, 6-1-0 (Howard)

Building Department \$1,305 motion to accept made by Mark/Ed, vote 7-0.

Town Accountant, \$3,500 motion to accept made by Mark/Ed, vote 7-0.

Light Flag, \$500 motion to accept made by Mark/Ed, vote 7-0.

New Business

None

Adjournment

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