

Finance Committee

Date: November 1, 2006

Place: Lower Town Hall

Time: 7:00PM

Agenda

Minutes

Motion made by George/Mark to accept meeting minutes for October 26, 2006, unanimous vote with Peter abstaining.

Agenda Items

Continuance of the public hearing

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

Received draft warrant with motions and finance committee templates from the town manager.

Article #14 Presented by Jill Myers and Scott Freitas NonCriminal Disposition
This article would eliminate the process of going to court. There is an appeal process. This process does not end up on a person's record. This process is to accept the statue. We have gone to court 2 times last year and the question was raised is there a list of penalties.

Article #19 Presented by Scott Freitas Regionalization of animal control services

We would regionalize with Mendon and Douglas of services through the police department. This is an effort to decrease costs and Uxbridge would be the host town.

Article #12 Presented by Jill and Dave Fees for certificates of liens
The purposes of increasing fees are to raise more money. These fees are set up by MGL. Howard feels that fees are not to make money but to recoup services.

Article #13 Presented by Jill Suspend taxes while on active duty
This is a local option. There is no time extension for non payment if not accepted.

Article #15 Presented by Dave West Street Property Disposition
Motion will be to pass over. The former parcel owner has come forward to redeem themselves.

Article #16 Presented by Dave Acceptance of land donation
This property will be abandoned if not accepted by the town. There is liability on this property for the dam and retaining walls. Danny Baker stated that this property was offered to BVT but they refused.

Article #18 No Board of Health Representative Intermunicipal agreements
Howard questions how many times we have to accept intermunicipal agreements. The motion needs cleaning up.

Article #28 Address typographical error
Makes typo change and does not affect anything else in the by law.

Article #29 No library representation
Library was not notified of hearing on this article. Will contact the library and hear from them at next meeting.

Danny Baker stated that they will be informing us that the zoning and bylaw changes will be passed over.

Howard stated that section 31 of the general by laws has an overlay district and wonders if warrant article is necessary. Jill stated that it should be in the zoning by laws. But is still binding.

Motion to continue the public hearing made by Mary/George unanimous vote.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mark gave handout from the Mass municipal finance committee meeting that he attended.

George would like to see a letter sent to the temp town clerk offering our support and help. Motion made by George/Howard, unanimous vote.

Howard would like to see the full budget in the annual town report as well as the year end school report.

Adjourn

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