

Finance Committee

Date: March 29, 2007

Place: Board of Selectmen's Room

Time: 7:00PM

Present: Mary Wickstrom, Chairman, Mark Andrews, Vice Chairman, George Goulet, Howard Fortner, Sandy Rice, Secretary

Absent: Peter Demers, Ed Maharay

Agenda

Minutes

Motion to accept meeting minutes March 15, 2007 made by Howard/Sandy, unanimous vote with George and Mark abstaining.

Motion to accept meeting minutes of March 20, 2007 with amendment to correct aging made by Mark/Howard, unanimous vote.

Motion to accept meeting minutes of March 22, 2007 with amendment to correct bans made by George/Howard, unanimous vote.

Public Hearing for the spring annual town meeting

Motion to reopen the public hearing for the spring annual town meeting made by Howard/Mar, unanimous vote.

Jill Myers gave an update stating that the school reduced their budget by \$500,000. She will be updating the document and revised budget message.

Assessors presented by Dave Genereaux with David Utakis in attendance.

This budget requests an upgrade and a 2% increase for the assessor. David Utakis accepts the town managers budget. In 2009 there will be a complete revale for 2010.

Veterans presented by Ken Trajanowski. This budget will increase about \$8,000. In the last 2 years needed reserve fund transfer. Cost increase due to benefit payments increasing.

Conservation presented by Dave Genereaux with Rachael in attendance. There is a 2% increase for salaries. Legg Farm needs brush cut. The major cost for Pout Pond is water testing.

Recreation presented by Mason Seagrave. Insurance has been removed from the budget, asking users to pick up the cost. This budget needs materials for they have a lot of volunteers. There are 1800 children in the sports program. The recreation committee feels there is a lack of support in running the programs.

Article #10 Cable

Presented by Barry Giles. There is a 2% increase in the budget for salaries. This budget is not tied to the actual tax levy. Money has been spent to update equipment at the high school. There is \$400,000 in the account. The town manager is looking to meld funds with town funds.

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

Old Business

Mary Pat asked the feelings on the budget to date. The committee felt it was too early to comment.

New Business

Schedule was updated.

Howard comments included the Town Manager sponsoring articles not permitted by the Charter. Waiting for a reply from the Board of Selectmen in regards to resolving this issue. Two handouts were presented, "Tax rate impact", and "salary review"

Adjournment

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