



# Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 31, 2009

Place: BOS Meeting Room

Present:

Ed Maharay		Howard Fortner	P	Peter DeMers	P
Christine Horwath	P	Richard Young	P	Mark Andrews	P

Call to Order: 7:13 PM –

## 1. Public Hearing for the Spring Annual Town

**Motion/Second/Discussion/Vote**

Motion	Motion to open the public hearing for the SATM continued from 3/24				
1st	MWA	2nd	CH	Vote	4-0-0

### **Article 19 Fund the Library to repair roof elements.**

The article is to fund (not to exceed \$25,000) repairs the turret roof, flashing and roof drainage system as well as to repair the sky light of the Uxbridge Free Library. The Library Board of Trustee Chair discussed that this would be reduced in cost to approx. \$5,000. The Town Manager, Finance Director and the Library BOT agreed that the repair will be funded by the School/Town Maintenance Account. No motion is expected at Town Meeting.

### **Article 20 Fund the Library to repaint the building**

The Library Board of Trustee Chair discussed the need to repaint the building. This project has been discussed for about 15 years. The cost would be no more than \$75,000. There was a discussion of whether the funding, if the article is accepted, should come from the School/Town Maintenance Account or the Stabilization fund.

### **Article 21 Fund the Library to paint exterior windows and repair rotted window sills.**

The Library Board of Trustee Chair discussed the need to repair the rotted window sills and paint the exterior windows to assure the integrity of the building. The Town Manager, Finance Director and the Library BOT agreed that the repair will be funded by the School/Town Maintenance Account. No motion is expected at Town Meeting.

### **Article 25: Appropriation to fund the razing and hauling away the cinderblock building at the right hand side of the senior center**

The Chair of the Council on Aging discussed the project and gave an estimate of \$85,000 to \$90,000 to accomplish the task. The project would include tearing down the building, hauling the building materials away and paving to allow for more parking at the Senior Center. The source of funding is expected to be the Stabilization fund at this time. The Town Manager and the Finance Director were concerned that this would reduce the Stabilization fund to below \$500,000.

**ARTICLE 15: Funding of the assessors revaluation account**

The Finance Director spoke that this change from including this in the operating budget of the assessor's office each year it would be handled as a warrant article to satisfy the Town's Auditor. The amount is \$15,000.

**Public Hearing Schedule**

The board reviewed a schedule for the public hearing:

Date	Articles
April 7	Article 6 Revolving fund accounts Article 7 Sewer dept budget Article 8 Water dept budget Article 9 Ambulance division budget Article 10 Cable access budget
April 14	Town Manager Budget Overview Article 5, General Government
April 15	Article 5, Regional School Article 11 Good Shepherd Article 16 Maint. Find Article 5 Transportation Article 5 Uxbridge School
April 21	Article Uxbridge School
April 22	Article 5 Public Safety Article 5 DPW Article 14 further information about costs
April 28	Article 5 All the rest of the depts. Article 2 Inter Dept xfer Article 3 Prior year bills Article 4 Collective bargaining Article 28 MGL 32b Sec 18
April 29	Recommendations

**Motion/Second/Discussion/Vote**

Motion	Motion to accept the new public hearing schedule for the SATM.				
1st	MWA	2nd	RY	Vote	5-0-0

**Motion/Second/Discussion/Vote**

Motion	Motion to continue the public hearing for the SATM to April 7, 2009				
1st	MWA	2nd	CH	Vote	5-0-0

**2) SATM Article Votes**

**Motion/Second/Discussion/Vote**

Motion	Motion for <u>favorable</u> action on Article 20 - Appropriation to fund Library Repointing				
1st	CH	2nd	RY	Vote	3-2-0

**Motion/Second/Discussion/Vote**

Motion	Motion for <u>unfavorable</u> action on Article 18 - Appropriation to fund the razing and hauling of building next to Senior Center				
1st	PD	2nd	CH	Vote	5-0-0

**Motion/Second/Discussion/Vote**

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Motion	Motion for <u>favorable</u> action on Article 15 - Funding of the assessors revaluation account.				
1st	MWA	2nd	CH	Vote	5-0-0

### 3) Old Business

- The Chair mentioned that at last year's Town Meeting there was a vote to alter the charter at this required a vote at the next available election. He wanted to alert the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen that this should be on the ballot.

### 4) New Business

- HF to pick up school budget and deliver to Finance Committee members.

### 5) Minutes

#### Motion/Second/Discussion/Vote

Motion	Motion to accept the meeting minutes of 2/11/09				
1st	PD	2nd	RY	Vote	4-0-1

#### Motion/Second/Discussion/Vote

Motion	Motion to accept the meeting minutes of 3/17/09 as amended				
1st	RY	2nd	PD	Vote	4-0-1

### ADJOURNMENT

#### Motion/Second/Discussion/Vote

Motion	Motion to adjourn				
1st	MWA	2nd	CH	Vote	5-0-0