

**Town of Sudbury ~ Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday – February 15, 2007
Flynn Building Conference Room – 7:30pm**

PRESENT: Chair Bob Jacobson, Bill Kneeland, Marty Ragonas, Sheila Stewart, Ralph Verni, and Chuck Woodard

ABSENT: Larry Rowe, Debbie Zurka

Article 2: FY07 Budget Adjustments

Motion to Report at Town Meeting. Motion made by Ralph Verni and seconded by Chuck Woodard. On vote, motion carries 6 in support, and 0 opposed.

Article 7: FY08 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Budget

Motion to support Article 7. Motion made by Ralph Verni and seconded by Chuck Woodard. On vote, motion carries 6 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 8: FY08 Pool Enterprise Fund Budget

Bill Kneeland asked why the fees be structured so that the salaries at the pool would be covered. Town Manager Maureen Valente stated that they believe the fees are as high as they can go. When you start increasing the fees, the membership rate drops.

Motion to support Article 8. Motion made by Ralph Verni and seconded by Marty Ragonas. On vote, motion carries 6 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 9: Medicare eligible Retiree Health Insurance

Ralph Verni asked why this type of article has not been presented before. Maureen Valente stated the before anything can happen with this article, it will need to be approved at the Annual Town Meeting. This is being presented to prevent future costs. The exact savings to the town has not yet been determined. In her opinion, she believes the unions will try to fight this.

Motion to support Article 9. Motion made by Ralph Verni and seconded by Marty Ragonas. On vote, motion carries 6 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 10: Unpaid Bills

There are currently no unpaid bills. The committee will report at Town Meeting.

Article 12: Chapter 90 Highway Funding

Motion to support Article 12. Motion made by Ralph Verni and seconded by Chuck Woodard. On vote, motion carries 6 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 14: Real Estate Exemption

Maureen Valente stated that this type of article is presented every year. It kind of serves as a cost of living increase.

Motion to support Article 14. Motion made by Marty Ragonas and seconded by Ralph Verni. On vote, motion carries 6 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 16: Town/School Revolving Funds:

Motion to support all of the revolving funds listed in Article 16. Motion made by Ralph Verni and seconded by Marty Ragonas. On vote, motion carries 6 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 17: COA Revolving Fund

These funds are used to cover the Access Taxi Transportation service.

Motion to support Article 17. Motion made by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Chuck Woodard. On vote, motion carries 6 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 18: DPW Mining Revolving Fund

Maureen Valente informed the committee that when this property was purchased, it was an ongoing gravel business. The DPW takes bids to allow excavation. They are preparing a study to see what can be done with the land.

Motion to support Article 18. Motion made by Ralph Verni and seconded by Chuck Woodard. On vote, motion carries 6 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 19: ZBA Revolving Fund

MaureenValente stated that this is a new revolving fund. They are currently going through a lot of 40B (affordable housing) applications, and these take a lot of time to go through. They are asking for extra fees to be paid to cover the costs of the extra salary that will be needed.

Motion to support Article 19. Motion made by Ralph Verni and seconded by Marty Ragonas. On vote, motion carries 6 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 20: Early Childhood Revolving Fund Termination

Maureen Valente informed the committee that the school department wishes to terminate the revolving fund. They will continue to use the funds for any expenses that have been accrued during FY07. They are not able to transfer the funds.

Motion to support Article 20. Motion made by Ralph Verni and seconded by Marty Ragonas. On vote, motion carries 6 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 21: Amend Zoning Bylaw: Temp Signs/Revolving Fund

Maureen Valente stated that the committee might want to consider this article, for the reasons that they ,might want to show that they support the business community. Want to create a revolving fund so that the building department may hire someone to monitor the signs that the business put up.

Motion to support article 21. Motion made by Ralph Verni and seconded by Chuck Woodard. On vote, motion carries 6 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 22 thru 24: CPC Rail Trail

The committee was informed that the Bruce Freeman trail is being named after a state legislator from Chelmsford. If we use state funds for this project, the Town will need to use Bruce's name. Bob Jacobson asked if there is any study showing that any of the abutters' properties will lose value by the establishment of this trail. Maureen Valente stated that it shows it helps with the value. Different communities will be affected

differently by this trail. The committee agreed they need someone from the CPC to answer questions. It was agreed that these articles would be discussed at the meeting to be held before the Public Budget Forum.

Article 30: CPC General Budget and Appropriations

Sheila Stewart read the article that will appear in the Annual Town Report.

Motion to support Article 30. Motion made by Ralph Verni and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, motion carries 6 in support and 0 opposed.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 8:22pm