

**Town of Sudbury ~ Finance Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Monday – April 6, 2009**  
**6:00pm – LSRHS Conference Room A205**

**Present:** Chairman Chuck Woodard, Jamie Gossels, Bob Jacobson, Bill Kneeland,  
Marty Ragonas, Jim Rao (arrived 6:15pm), Sheila Stewart, and Debbie Zurka  
**Absent:** Tobj Gozdeck

**Opening Comments:**

The meeting was opened at 6:05pm.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The committee was asked to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The committee was informed that Chuck Woodard had previously emailed his suggested corrections, and asked if the committee had any further comments/suggestions.

Jamie Gossels suggested the following corrections:

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph – change the wording from “Wayland Waste Water” to  
“proposed Waste Water”.

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph – change the wording from “100+” to “1,000+”

**VOTED:** Motion to approve the minutes with the understanding that the suggested changes be made. On vote, motion carries 7 in support, 0 opposed, and 2 absent (Gozdeck, Rao).

**Votes on Annual Town Meeting Articles:**

*Note:* The votes are listed in numerical order by Article, and are not listed in the order that the Finance Committee took the votes.

**Articles 2 thru 8:**

Chuck Woodard reminded the committee that a motion will be made to postpone the discussion/votes on Articles 2 thru 8 until May 11. He asked the committee to confirm that they are still in agreement in supporting that these articles be postponed. Chuck Woodard stated that he will make remarks at the Annual Town Meeting as to why the committee supports the postponement.

**VOTED:** Motion to support the postponement of Article 2 thru Article 8 until May 11<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Marty Ragonas and seconded by Bob Jacobson. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Gozdeck).

**Article 8 – FY10 Recreation Field Maintenance Fund:**

The committee was informed that this would result in a .25FTE increase for an assistant position. This FTE is based on a 35-hour work week. At this time it is not positive if the assistant is needed, but the town is trying to be proactive by informing everyone of what is possibly needed.

To be eligible for health benefits an employee must work 21 hours per week, and 17.5 or more to be eligible to contribute to the retirement system.

All known existing costs are what are currently being presented. It has been determined that \$2.00 per participant is what will be charged. There is still work that needs to be done with the user groups.

This job function takes a lot of the Perk & Rec. Directors time. The objective is to get a web-based software and an assistant who can take over most of this responsibility.

Once this fund is up and working, the town will be able to charge some of the DPW employees' salaries against this fund. It will also give the town the flexibility to add employees during the busy seasons.

**VOTED:** Motion to recommend approval of Article 8. Motion made by Bob Jacobson and seconded by Jamie Gossels. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Gozdeck).

**Article 10 - Chapter 90 Highway Funding:**

This article is presented each year, and it allows the DPW department to spend the money.

**VOTED:** Motion to recommend approval of Article 10. Motion made by Jim Rao and seconded by Bob Jacobson. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Gozdeck).

**Article 11 – Real Estate Exemption:**

Chuck Woodard questioned the meaning of the wording “up to 100%” that is listed in the article. Andrea Terkelsen stated that it represents how the law is written. The exemptions being requested are handled on a case by case basis. The amount of exemptions granted varies each year. This fiscal year, \$119,000 of exemptions have been granted, while last fiscal year \$200,000 were granted.

**VOTED:** Motion to recommend approval of Article 11. Motion made by Jim Rao and seconded by Bob Jacobson. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Gozdeck).

**Article 13- Septage Facility Operating Enterprise Fund:**

The article will allow the Town of Sudbury to manage all financial records for the Septage Facility. This article will not increase the number of FTEs that the town has.

**VOTED:** Motion to recommend approval of Article 13. Motion made by Marty Ragonas and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Gozdeck).

**Article 14- Building Permit Fees – Amend Bylaws:**

This article allows for the fees charged for Building Permits to be increased.

**VOTED:** Motion to recommend approval of Article 14. Motion made by Jim Rao and seconded by Sheila Stewart. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Gozdeck).

**Article 15- Dog License Fees – Amend Bylaws:**

This article allows for the fees charged for Dog Licensing to be increased.

**VOTED:** Motion to recommend approval of Article 14. Motion made by Marty Ragonas and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Gozdeck).

**Article 16 – Transfer of Land off Hudson Rd:**

This article has been indefinitely postponed.

**Article 17 – Transfer of Land off Pinewood Ave:**

This article has been indefinitely postponed.

**Article 18 – Restriction on Tape Dialers – Amend Bylaws:**

**VOTED:** Motion to recommend approval of Article 18. Motion made by Bob Jacobson and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Gozdeck).

**Article 19 – Storm Water Management – Amend Bylaws:**

**VOTED:** Motion to recommend approval of Article 19. Motion made by Bob Jacobson and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Gozdeck).

**Article 31– CPF General Fund Budget & Appropriation:**

**VOTED:** Motion to recommend approval of Article 31. Motion made by Marty Ragonas and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Gozdeck).

**Other Business:**

The committee was informed that Debbie Zurka will not be seeking reappointment to the committee when her term expires on April 30<sup>th</sup>. She will continue to serve on the committee until the 2009 Annual Town Meeting concludes. The members thanked her for her 3 ½ years of service, and for all of her help.

The committee was informed that if the postponement of Articles 2 thru 8 fails, there will most likely be a motion for increasing the budget limit. The committee was asked what their position would be if such motion was presented. Bob Jacobson's position was that the FinCom should not support an override nor should they propose any allocation should an increase in the limit be approved. The reason being is that the committee will still have no idea how the extra funds would be spent. The committee members present concurred.

**The being no further business, the committee adjourned at 7:10pm to attend the 2009 Annual Town Meeting.**