

**Town of Sudbury ~ Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday- February 5, 2009
Flynn Building – 7:30pm**

Present: Chairman Chuck Woodard, Tobj Gozdeck, Jamie Gossels, Bob Jacobson, Bill Kneeland, Marty Ragonas, Jim Rao, and Sheila Stewart.

Opening Comments:

The meeting was opened at 7:35pm. Chuck Woodard stated that they are thinking of not holding the budget forum before the Town election this year, if there is no override on the ballot but perhaps holding one later if an override is put on a special election ballot. The Budget Forum process was explained to the new members on the committee.

Votes on Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles:

Article 2 – FY09 Budget Adjustments: The committee agreed to Report at Town Meeting.

Article 3 – Stabilization Fund: The amount of this article is based on the room & meal taxes being proposed. If more funds are received than expected, an amendment could be put through at the town meeting. The wording of the article will be “an amount up to \$197,955”, which is the House 1 figure.

VOTED: To support the appropriation of up to \$197,955 to the Stabilization Fund. Motion made by Marty Ragonas, and seconded by Jamie Gossels. On motion, vote carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 4 – FY10 Budget: The school committee and cost centers have all agreed to put their requested budgets in the warrants. The committee discussed the most recent state aid cuts.

VOTED: To support to a total non-override budget of \$78,502,602 as proposed.

LSRHS	\$16,853,557	Other Schools	\$336,058
SPS	\$34,449,183	Employee Benefits	\$4,417,086
Town Services	\$13,630,945	Debt	\$6,560,553
Capital Budget	\$523,383	Stabilization Fund	\$197,955
Enterprise Fund	\$778,434	Other Charges	\$755,448

Motion made by Bob Jacobson and seconded by Marty Ragonas. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 5 – FY10 Capital Budget:

VOTED: To support the Capital Budget as proposed. Motion made by Bob Jacobson and seconded by Jim Rao. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 6 – FY10 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund:

This article allows the department to buy equipment with the retain earnings.

VOTED: To support Article 6 as presented. Motion made Bob Jacobson and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 7 – FY10 Pool Enterprise Fund:

VOTED: To support Article 7 as presented. Motion made Tobj Gozdeck and seconded by Jamie Gossels. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 8 – FY10 Recreation Field Maintenance:

It was recommended that the committee report at town meeting, since this article is still being worked on. The committee agreed to Report at Town Meeting.

Article 9 – Unpaid Bills:

At this time, there are no known unpaid bills. The committee agreed to Report at Town Meeting.

Article 10 – Chapter 90 Highway Funding:

This article is part of the consent calendar. The committee agreed to Report at Town Meeting.

Article 11 – Real Estate Exemption:

This article is part of the consent calendar. The committee agreed to Report at Town Meeting.

Article 12 – Town/School Revolving Funds:

This article allows the departments to spend the funds that they raise. The article does not have an effect on the tax levy.

VOTED: To support Article 12 as proposed. Motion made by Marty Ragonas, and seconded by Tobj Gozdeck. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 13 – Septage Facility Financials:

The committee agreed to Report at Town Meeting

Article 14 – Amend Bylaws Building Permit Fees:

The committee agreed to Report at Town Meeting.

Article 15 – Amend Bylaws Increase Dog License Fees:

The committee agreed to Report at Town Meeting.

Article 16 – Transfer Land Off Hudson Rd To Sudbury Housing Trust:

The committee agreed to Report at Town Meeting.

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Article 18 – Amend Bylaws Fire Alarm Systems:

The committee takes no position.

Article 19 – Amend Bylaws Storm Water Management:

The committee takes no position.

Article 20 – Amend Bylaws Single Accessory Dwelling Units

The committee takes no position.

Article 21 – This article has been withdrawn

Article 22 – CPF-79 Lincoln Lane:

The CPC is authorizing \$25,000 for this article. The rest of the funds for the purchase will come from elsewhere. The land will be used for conservation purposes.

VOTED: To support Article 22 as proposed. Motion made by Marty Ragonas and seconded by Todj Gozdeck. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 23 – CPF-Sudbury Housing Trust Allocation:

This article will allow the town to increase the amount of affordable housing.

VOTED: To support Article 23 as proposed. Motion made by Todj Gozdeck and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 24 – CPF-Town Clerk Historic Document Preservation:

The CPC has originally voted against this project. The Town Clerk came back with more documentation and made a compelling argument as to why the CPC should support it. This is a new project that had no been discussed at the CPC budget hearing.

VOTED: To support Article 24 as proposed. Motion made by Jamie Gossels and seconded by Marty Ragonas. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 25 – CPF-Historic Properties & Gravestone Restoration:

Historic Properties: \$10,000 is being asked to be approved for part 3 of a 4 part project.
Gravestone Restoration: \$8,000 is being asked to be approved for the restoration of 18 gravestones.

VOTED: To support Article 25 as proposed. Motion made by Todj Gozdeck and seconded by Marty Ragonas. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 26 – CPF-Loring Parsonage Restoration:

VOTED: To support Article 26 as proposed. Motion made by Marty Ragonas and seconded by Todj Gozdeck. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 27 – CPF-Amend Art. 24 of the 2007 ATM Bruce Freeman Rail Trail:

This article will allow funds approved from a vote to be moved to the current budget.

VOTED: To support Article 27 as proposed. Motion made by Todj Gozdeck and seconded by Jamie Gossels. On vote, motion carries 7 in support, 1 opposed (Jacobson), and 1 abstained (Kneeland).

Article 28 – CPF-Amend Art.41 of the 2006ATM Hearse House:

VOTED: To support Article 28 as proposed. Motion made by Jamie Gossels and seconded by Todj Gozdeck. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 29 – CPF-Amend Art.27 of the 2007 ATM Housing Unit:

VOTED: To support Article 29 as proposed. Motion made by Jamie Gossels and seconded by Tobj Gozdeck. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 30 – CPF-Amend Art.43 of the 2006 ATM SHA Unit Buy-Down:

VOTED: To support Article 30 as proposed. Motion made by Tobj Gozdeck and seconded by Bob Jacobson. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 31 – CPF-General Budget & Appropriation:

The committee agreed to Report at Town Meeting.

Article 32 – Clarification of Title-11 Butler Place:

The committee takes no position.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 8:56pm.