

Town of Sudbury ~ Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday – February 9, 2010
7:30pm – Silva Conference Room

Present: Chairman Chuck Woodard, Joan Carlton, Jamie Gossels, Bob Jacobson, Bill Kneeland, Marty Ragonas, Jim Rao, Robert Stein, and Sheila Stewart

Opening Comments:

The meeting was opened at 7:33pm.

Approval of Minutes:

The committee was asked to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2009, and the January 11, 14, 21, 2010, and February 2 & 4, 2010 meetings. The committee was reminded that Chuck Woodard and Jim Rao had previously submitted their changes via email.

December 21, 2009: Bill Kneeland recommended changing the date of 12/21/09 to 11/16/09 for Item 1.

VOTED: Motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2009 meeting with the understanding that the suggested changes will be made. Motion made by Jim Rao and seconded by Marty Ragonas. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

January 11, 2010:

VOTED: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2010 meeting with the understanding that the suggested changes will be made. Motion made by Marty Ragonas and seconded by Jim Rao. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

January 14, 2010: Bill Kneeland stated that the list of attendees needs to be corrected, as he was not at the meeting.

VOTED: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2010 meeting with the understanding that the suggested changes will be made. Motion made by Marty Ragonas and seconded by Jim Rao. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

January 21, 2010: Marty Ragonas suggested adding the word “the” on page 2 – 5th paragraph so that the sentence reads “for a slight reduction on the last month’s tuition”. She also suggested corrections to page 3 – 4th paragraph: get rid of the word “to” so that the sentence reads “introduced the town’s selectmen and Department Heads”. Jaime Gossels suggested changes (page 4 – 6th paragraph) of adding the words “over the roll-up” so that the last sentence in the paragraph reads “would result in an increase of the roll-up budget by \$167,071”.

VOTED: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2010 meeting with the understanding that the suggested changes will be made. Motion made by Jim Rao and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

January 28, 2010:

VOTED: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2010 meeting with the understanding that the suggested changes will be made. Motion made by Marty Ragonas and seconded by Jim Rao. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

February 4, 2010: Sheila Stewart suggested changes to page 2 – last paragraph. The words “these articles” should be replaced with “that information”. She also suggested corrections for page 4- first paragraph. She suggested replacing the phrase “to approve it”, to “on this article”. Jim Rao (page 2 – 3rd paragraph) suggested replacing the phrase “the funds cannot be used” to “an article to use the funds cannot be presented at Town Meeting”, and to change the words “in order” to “to present an article at Town Meeting”.

VOTED: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2010 meeting with the understanding that the suggested changes will be made. Motion made by Marty Ragonas and seconded by Jim Rao. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Votes on 2010 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

NOTE: The votes are listed in numerical order by article, and not the order that the committee voted. The audience was made aware that the committee have already reviewed these articles, so that is why there is not much discussion taking place.

Article 2 – FY10 Budget Adjustments: Report at Town Meeting

Article 3- Stabilization Fund: Approval of this article will allow \$50,000 to be put into the town’s Stabilization Fund if the override budget is accepted. Bob Jacobson stated that this article will need to be decided on after a vote on Article 4 has taken place at the Annual Town Meeting. The committee agreed to Report at Town Meeting on this article.

Article 4-FY11 Budget: Chuck Woodard informed the committee that there are two budgets for the committee to vote on; an override and non-override budget. The override budget is for \$80,790,534, which includes an override of \$1,753,625. The override budget accounts for a \$515 tax increase for the average assessed value home, which equates to approximately 4.92%.

VOTED: Motion to recommend a Non-override budget in the amount of \$79,036,909. Motion made by Bob Jacobson and seconded by Marty Ragonas. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

VOTED: Motion to recommend an Override budget in the amount of \$80,790,534. Motion made by Bob Jacobson and seconded by Marty Ragonas. On vote, motion carries 8 in support and 1 opposed (Stein).

Article 5-FY11 Capital Budget: The committee was reminded that a presentation was made in regards to this budget at the January 14th hearing.

VOTED: Motion to recommend a Non-Override Capital Budget in the amount of \$527,067. Motion made by Marty Ragonas and seconded by Jaime Gossels. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

VOTED: Motion to recommend a Override Capital Budget in the amount of \$529,054. Motion made by Bob Jacobson and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 6-Town meeting Commencement (Bylaws): Report at Town Meeting

Article 7-Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Budget:

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval of Article 7. Motion made by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Jim Rao. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 8-Pool Enterprise Fund Budget:

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval of Article 8. Motion made by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Jim Rao. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 9-Recreation Field Maintenance:

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval of Article 9. Motion made by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Jim Rao. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 10 – Unpaid Bills: Report at Town Meeting

Article 11-Ch. 90 Highway Funding:

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval of Article 11. Motion made by Jim Rao and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 12-Real Estate Exemption:

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval of Article 12. Motion made by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Marty Ragonas. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 13-Town/School Revolving Funds:

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval of Article 13. Motion made by Jim Rao and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 14-Local Meals Tax: Report at Town Meeting

Article 15-Local Room Occupancy Excise: Report at Town Meeting

Article 16-Consolidated Facility Maintenance Function:

Jim Rao stated that this is not a money article. Approval gives the school & town the authority to move forward. Sheila Stewart stated that she has strong feelings for this article, because we should be supporting the buildings we currently have. Marty Ragonas stated that this is step 1 of the proposal, and that the committee could wait until the town meeting to take a vote so that there might be more information.

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval of Article 16. Motion made by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Jim Rao. On vote, motion carries 7 in support, 1 opposed (Stein), and 1 abstained (Jacobson).

Article 17-Increase Demand Charge for Delinquent Taxes:

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval of Article 17. Motion made by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Jamie Gossels. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 18-Sudbury/Wayland Septage Facility: Report at Town Meeting.

Article 19: Illicit Discharge & Connection (Bylaws): The committee took no position.

Article 20: Amendment to Zoning Bylaw Article IX: The committee took no position.

Article 21: Wireless Services Overlay District: Bob Stein stated that he would abstain from this vote, because of the location of his property in regards to one of the proposed sites.

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval of Article 21. Motion made by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Bob Jacobson. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained (Stein).

Article 22-Long-Term Cell Tower Leasing: The committee took no position.

Article 23-Cell Town Bidding: The committee took no position.

Article 24-Long-Establish Stretch Energy Code: The committee took no position.

Article 25-Renewable Energy Development Facilities:

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval of Article 25. Motion made by Jim Rao and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 26-Removal of Gravestones for Repair: The Committee took no position.

Article 27-Construct Police Headquarters: Report at Town Meeting

Article 28-Wastewater Feasibility Study:

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval of Article 28. Motion made by Marty Ragonis and seconded by Jaime Gossels. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 29-Rescind/Amend Borrowing:

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval on Article 29. Motion made by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Jim Rao. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Articles 30 thru 41 – CPA Articles: Report at Town Meeting

Article 42-Re-Routing Studies B. Freeman Rail Trail: Report at Town Meeting

Article 43-Firehouse #3 Study: Report at Town Meeting

Article 44-Increase Bd. of Selectmen from 3 to 5: The committee took no position.

Article 45-Resolution – Executive Session: The committee took no position.

Other Business

The committee discussed holding a meeting on March 29th to hear the results of Jim Rao review of the CPC figures.

Marty Ragonis suggested the committee start considering dates to hold a town budget forum.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 8:37pm.

