

**Town of Sudbury
Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, November 21, 2011**

The Town of Sudbury's Finance Committee Meeting, held on the second floor of the Flynn Building, was called to order at 8:19 p.m. by Chairman Jim Rao. Present for this meeting were Joan Carlton, Jamie Gossels, Bill Kneeland, Doug Kohen, Jim Rao and Chuck Woodard. Absent from the meeting were Robert Stein and Bob Jacobson.

Item 1: Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTED: Chuck Woodard and Doug Kohen had submitted their suggestions/edits previous to this meeting by email. Motion was made by Chuck Woodard to approve the Minutes of the October 24, 2011 Meeting and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, Motion was carried in support (six in support, zero opposed).

Item 2: Transfers and Other Business

Transfer Requests:

Reserve Fund Transfer: This request is in the amount of \$11,691.84, and is being requested by the Assistant Town Manager. These funds will be used to fill a shortfall in the 2012 Veterans Services Budget for Veterans benefits. The budget was created from the previous year's expenses, in which there was one active case, however in actuality in FY12 there are 3 active cases, which increases the cost to deliver these benefits.

VOTED: Motion to support the approval of Reserve Fund Transfer to Veterans Services Budget in the amount of \$11,691.48. Motion made by Joan Carlton and seconded by Chuck Woodard. On vote, Motion was carried in support (six in support, zero opposed).

Item 3: Debrief of Special Board of Selectmen Meeting

General discussion about the Special Board of Selectmen Meeting in which the BoS voted affirmatively to accept the provisions of sections 21-23 of Chapter 32B of the General Laws of MA, as well as voted affirmatively for the Town of Sudbury to elect to engage in the process to change health insurance benefits under M.G.L. c.32.B sections 21-23.

Item 4: Update on Status of Liason Meetings

FinCom members provided a brief update on the status of their respective liaison meetings. All liaison meetings are scheduled and it is not anticipated that there should be any issues with conducting these meetings prior to the next FinCom meeting on December 19th, 2011.

Item 5: Preliminary Calendar for Q1 2012 FinCom Meetings

Jim Rao distributed a preliminary calendar for Finance Committee meetings in January-March of 2012. Chuck Woodard requested to add a tentative meeting on February 28th in advance of the joint FinCom / Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled for February 29th.

Item 6: Update on Route 20 Sewer Project

Joan Carlton provided an update on the Route 20 Sewer Project. There is a steering committee for the project as well as a citizens advisory committee. The members did research on similar projects in other towns. In 2009, Chatham approved \$59MM for the initial funding for a 200MM sewer system that will cover 2/3 of the town—approximately \$20MM of which was provided from grants. Joan stated that Chatham had clear objectives for their project Clarifying the benefits and objectives is underway for the Sudbury project.

Item 7: Update on Minuteman School

Bill Kneeland provided an update on the Minuteman School discussions. There has not been progress to date due to the need for unanimous approval of all 16 member towns in order to make any significant decisions. It is unclear whether any proposal will be ready in time for the 2012 Town Meeting.

Item 8: Public Comments

No public comments.

Jim stated the next meeting would be Monday, December 19, 2011 in the Flynn Building (second floor) at 7:30 p.m. Motion was made by Chuck Woodard to adjourn and it was seconded by Jim Rao. Motion was carried in support (six in support, zero opposed).

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 8:50 p.m.