

Town Clerk

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MINUTES
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012
7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL
130 MAIN STREET

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Present: Bill Diederling, Paul Sylvia, John Vibberts, Paul Kilty, Courtney Bridge, Tom Hickey, Ellen Yaffe and Gene Parini

Absent: Linda Bliss

Also Present: Town Manager George Dunham; Town Accountant Doreen Guild; Selectmen Jim Pierce and Linell Grundman; SCT

ITEM #1
CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM #2
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 28, 2012-

Ms. Bridge noted that she is not noted as being absent from this meeting.

Mr. Vibberts – on page #3 under Town Manager’s Report ‘Mr. Dunham noted that the schools add people all... change the word *with* to *the*...time.

***MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. YAFFE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2012 AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY MR. VIBBERTS. VOTE – UNANIMOUS 1 ABSTENTION – MS. BRIDGE**

ITEM #3
TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

-Updated list in packet of ‘Decisions for Finance Committee to Make For FY’13 Budget and Annual Town Meeting’ to reflect last week’s votes.

-Warrant articles will be discussed later in the meeting.

ITEM #4
FY’13 BUDGET, RELATED ISSUES, AND DRAFT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES

***MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KILTY TO RECOMMEND INCREASING THE LOCAL CONTRIBUTION FOR SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET BY \$90,000.00 TO \$23,340,000 THUS REDUCING THE ESTIMATED FY’13 BUDGET BALANCE OF \$214,944.00 BY \$90,000.00 TO \$124,944.00.**

Mr. Diederling – didn’t we already have this discussion last week? Mr. Kilty noted that someone else made the motion last week and it was for \$140,000.

SECONDED BY MR. SYLVIA

Discussion-

Mr. Kilty noted that he believes there is money available. We are not touching any other accounts. The Superintendent and the School Committee were very forth coming in their budget presentation...they answered our questions there was real transparency. If this is motion is not recommended to the Board of Selectmen then Mr. Kilty will vote that the budget as presented by the Town Manager be recommended to the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Bridge and Mr. Diederling spoke about having a balanced budget.

Ms. Bridge - the tax payers who don’t have children in the school system have a right to have their needs met also. Mr. Parini noted that he cannot support further increases to the school department budget. We have to look at decreasing enrollments.



Mr. Sylvia – supports Mr. Kilty and would like to add that Dr. Canfield has a 20/20 vision. It doesn't make sense for the School Dept. to add fees. We need to give this money to the schools. Dr. Canfield should not have to deal with additional fees.

Mr. Diederling noted that we had this conversation last week.

Ms. Yaffe noted that she supports the Superintendent and will be voting against his motion.

Mr. Hickey offered that the committee voted last week and feels it would be improper to have a new vote because there are different members present tonight. Supports the Superintendent and thinks last week's vote should stand.

Mr. Vibberts – this is only what we would like the Board of Selectmen to consider only...thinks the committee tonight should vote. We want to show that we support the schools...it could be any number. Will be voting in favor of this motion because he wants to see a better sense of togetherness.

Ms. Bridge agrees with Ms. Yaffe...we should guard this \$214,000. We don't know what's coming down the road. Would like to hear from the Town Manager about what the General Government number needs are. The longer we wait the more the price goes up.

The Town Manager offered that it is important not to transfer to stabilization right now...we should wait until the fall when we know better about the money from the State. Enrollments are going down. If the numbers continue to go down we could possibly put grade levels in the same school. We could be down to two schools. We have lost over nine hundred (900) students since 2002 and we are increasing money to the schools.

***VOTE – MR. PARINI, MS. YAFFE, MS. BRIDGE, MR. HICKEY AND MR. DIEDERING– NAYE MR. SYLVIA, MR. KILTY, MR. VIBBERTS – AYE
MOTION FAILED.**

***MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KILTY TO RECOMMEND PASSAGE OF THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED...\$67,775,891 LOCAL CONTRIBUTION; SCHOOLS - \$23,250,000; GENERAL GOVERNMENT - \$14,805,626; UPPER CAPE COD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL \$1,906,350. ESTIMATED BUDGET BALANCE \$214,944. SECONDED BY MS. BRIDGE. VOTE – UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Dunham gave an overview of each financial article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant-

Article#2 / FY'13 Budget

Article #3 / FY'13 DPW – Sanitation Division Operating Budget

***MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. VIBBERTS TO RECOMMEND PASSAGE OF ARTICLE #3 DPW/SANITATION OPERATING BUDGET AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY MS. BRIDGE. VOTE – UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Dunham gave an overview of Article #4 -Account #620 / Golf - Sandwich Hollows Golf Club operating budget. After a brief discussion it was agreed to wait until next week to vote the recommendation for Article #4 – FY'13 Golf Department Operating Budget.

Article #5 FY'13Capital Budget – previous voted.

Article #6 Capital Exclusion for Sandwich Public Library HVAC System – previously voted.

Article #7 Transfer Funds to Stabilization

***MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. VIBBERTS TO RECOMMEND PASSAGE OF ARTICLE #7 – TO TRANSFER \$175,000 TO THE STABILIZATION ACCOUNT. SECONDED BY MS. BRIDGE. VOTE – UNANIMOUS**

Article #8 Sandwich Promotions Fund Appropriation – will come back to.

Article #9 Ch. 90 State Aid to Highways Program

***MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PARINI TO RECOMMEND PASSAGE OF ARTICLE #9 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800,000. SECONDED BY MR. VIBBERTS. VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

Article #10 Establish Variable Interest Rate for FY'13 Tax Deferral Program (3% rate for the senior citizens)

***MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. VIBBERTS TO RECOMMEND PASSAGE OF ARTICLE #10 AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY MS. BRIDGE. VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

Article #11 SHS Athletic Fields Maintenance Transfer from Cellular Lease Account the amount of \$25,000 for maintenance.

***MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. VIBBERTS TO RECOMMEND PASSAGE OF ARTICLE #11 AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY MR. PARINI. VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

Article #12 – come back to

Article #13 CPA Fund Expenditure – Administrative Costs & 10% Allocations

***MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KILTY TO RECOMMEND PASSAGE OF ARTICLE #13 AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY MR. VIBBERTS. VOTE - UNANIMOUS**

Article #14 – previously voted.

Article #18 Authorization to Sell Town Property – 7.2 acres in South Sandwich Village Center (this is the Pop Warner Field...7 acres / about \$500,000

***MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SYLVIA TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF ARTICLE #18 AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY MR. HICKEY. VOTE – SEVEN (7) AYES / ONE (1) NAYE – MR. VIBBERTS**

Returning to Article #8 Sandwich Promotions Fund Appropriation

***MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KILTY TO RECOMMEND PASSAGE OF ARTICLE #8 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,467. SECONDED BY MS. BRIDGE. VOTE – UNANIMOUS**

Returning to Article #4 – Golf Dept. and also Article #20 - Dissolution of Freeman Nursing Trust Fund
Mr. Dunham will have more information available for next week's meeting.

Article #12 – Adoption of Local Option Meals Tax Program

***MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PARINI TO NOT RECOMMEND PASSAGE OF ARTICLE #12 AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY MR. KILTY.**

Discussion.

VOTE – MR. DIEDERING, MR. SYLVIA, MR. VIBBERTS, MR. KILTY, MS. BRIDGE, MR. HICKEY AND MR. PARINI – AYE. MS. YAFFE – NAYE

RETURNING, ONCE AGAIN, TO ARTICLE #4 – GOLF DEPT. OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Dunham offered additional information on the operating budget.

***MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. BRIDGE TO RECOMMEND PASSAGE OF ARTICLE #4 – FY' 13 GOLF DEPT. OPERATING BUDGET OF UP TO \$1,040,807. SECONDED BY MR. KILTY. VOTE – UNANIMOUS**

Article #20 – Dissolution of Freeman Nursing Trust Fund-

Mr. Dunham explained that this article would transfer the balance (approximately \$2,025 last year) to the Nursing Dept. donation fund because it does all kinds of outreach to senior citizens.

***MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PARINI TO RECOMMEND THE DISSOLUTION OF THE FREEMAN NURSING TRUST FUND UP TO ITS CURRENT BALANCE AND IT WILL GO TO THE NURSING DEPARTMENT DONATION ACCOUNT. SECONDED BY MR. VIBBERTS. VOTE - UNANIMOUS**

ITEM #5
COMMITTEE UPDATES

Mr. Sylvia – The Tri-Board / some things are being looked at but not until after Town Meeting.

ITEM #6
OTHER

None.

ITEM #7
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, May 1.

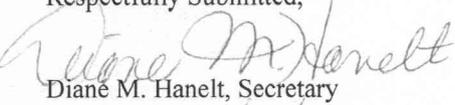
-Brief discussion about the Charter Review Committee recommendation. It seems it is the consensus within the Finance Committee that our role should be further defined. The Charter Review Committee needs specific language for any proposals.

ITEM #8
ADJOURNMENT

8:50 P.M.

***MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY MR. VIBBERTS. SECONDED BY MR. KILTY. VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Respectfully Submitted,


Diane M. Hanelt, Secretary

Approved: 2/12/13 As presented

Supporting Documents:

- Projected Revenues and Expenses – FY'13 (GHD Draft – Selectmen 2.23.12 Vote – 4/3/12)
- FY'13 Budget Totals (GHD Draft – 4/3/2012)
- Additional General Government Budget Needs (GHD Draft – 4/3/2012)
- Placement of Additional Funds in Operating Budgets (GHD Draft – 4/3/2012)
- FY'13 Capital Budget Summary (Final 2/27/12)
- Decisions for Finance Committee to Make For FY'13 Budget & Annual Town Meeting
- Index of Warrant Articles (GHD Draft 4/3/2012)
- Mass. Dept. of Revenue – Division of Local Services
- Cape Cod Towns & Local Option Meals Tax