

Town of Sudbury ~ Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday – January 31, 2006
7:30pm – Lower Town Hall

PRESENT: Co-Chairs Bob Jacobson and Marty Ragonas, Tracy Billig, Michael Grosberg, Bill Kneeland, Larry Rowe, Sheila Stewart, Ralph Verni and Debbie Zurka. Also present: Sue Petersen, Finance Director, and Robin Porcella, Recording Secretary

Joint Meeting with the Board of Selectmen:

Selectmen Chairman Larry O'Brien welcomed the Finance Committee to their meeting at 7:45pm. He stated that he appreciates the liaison work to keep the communication opened between the different cost centers. Selectmen John Drobinski thanked the Finance Committee for the hard work, time, and effort.

Bob Jacobson thanked the Finance Committee members for all of their work. He also thanked the Board of Selectmen, the LSRHS & SPS Committees, the Finance Director, Town Manager, and the Business Directors who worked collectively. They all looked at the higher cause, which is to do what is best for the town as a whole.

Bob Jacobson states that the Finance Committee will hopefully present a budget that will support town level services, and level class sizes with no override. He said that he used the word hopefully, because there are still negotiations for many of the bargaining units to be held and salary increases for FY07 are currently unknown.

Bob Jacobson stated that the impact on the average tax bill would be an increase of \$366 using the average home value of \$661,000. This is approximately a 3.75% increase over FY06.

Marty Ragonas stated that the Finance Committee is planning another Public Budget Forum this year at 7:30pm on March 20th in the Lower Town Hall. The purpose is to inform and educate the public about the FY07 budget prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Selectmen Chairman Larry O'Brien stated that a meeting is scheduled for March 14th, with Senator Pam Resor to discuss issues related to State Aid. He is inviting the Finance Committee and the public to attend.

The Finance Committee recessed and agreed to reconvene at the Flynn Building Conference Room to discuss the warrant articles.

The following articles are not listed in the order they were voted on. They are listed in order by the article number.

Article 2: Senior Tax Relief

Motion to Report at Town Meeting. On motion, vote carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Verni)

Article 3: Curbside PAYT Trash Pick-Up

Motion made by Larry Rowe and seconded by Michael Grosberg to not support Article 3. On motion, vote carries 9 in support, and 0 opposed.

Article 4: FY06 Budget Adjustments

Motion to Report at Town Meeting.

Article 5: FY07 Budget

Motion made by Larry Rowe and seconded by Michael Grosberg to support a level town services and level class size budget. On vote, motion carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 6: FY07 Pool Enterprise Fund Budget

Article 7: FY07 Pool Enterprise Fund Budget

Motion made by Larry Rowe and seconded by Michael Grosberg to support Articles 6 & 7. On motion, vote carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Verni).

Article 8: FY07 Capital Budget

Motion to support article 8. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Grosberg).

Article 9: Professional Services – New Police Station

Motion to Report at Town Meeting.

Article 10: Unpaid Bills

Currently there are no unpaid bills. Motion to Report at Town Meeting.

Article 11: Stabilization Fund

Motion to Report at Town Meeting.

Article 12: Real Estate Exemption

Michael Grosberg reminded everyone that this comes up every year. Motion Made by Michael Grosberg and seconded by Larry Rowe to support Article 12. On motion, vote carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Verni).

Article 13: Chapter 90 Highway Funding

Motion made by Larry Rowe and seconded by Tracy Billig to support article 13. On motion, vote carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Verni).

Articles 14 through 24 & Articles 26 through 28: Revolving Funds

Motion made by Larry Rowe and seconded by Michael Grosberg to support articles 14 through 24 and articles 26 through 28. On motion, vote carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 25: DPW Mining Revolving Fund

After a brief discussion by the committee, they agreed they would like to have Maureen Valente, Town Manager, or Bill Place, DPW Director, to discuss this article in more depth. Motion made to Report at Town Meeting.

Article 29: Amend Bylaws, Art. XVII.2 – Wiring Permit Fees

Motion made by Larry Rowe and seconded by Bill Kneeland to support article 29. On motion, vote carries 9 in support and 0 opposed.

Article 30: Amend Bylaws – Emergency Response Cost Recovery

Motion to Report at Town Meeting.

Article 31: Amend Bylaws – In-ground Irrigation Systems

The Finance Committee takes No Position.

Article 32: Accept MGL Chap 71, s.71E – School Building Use Fee Offset

Motion made by Larry Rowe and seconded by Tracy Billig to support article 32. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Grosberg).

Article 33: Accept MGL Chap 44, s.55C – Sudbury Affordable Housing Trust

Motion to Report at Town Meeting.

Article 34: Transfer Land Interest to Sudbury Foundation

The Finance Committee takes No Position.

Article 35: Amend Wayland-Sudbury Septage Facility Agreement

Motion to Report at Town Meeting

Article 36: Carding Mill Pond Harvesting

Motion made by Larry Rowe and seconded by Tracy Billig to support article 36. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Grosberg).

Article 37: Wayside Inn Site Study

Motion made by Larry Rowe and seconded by Bill Kneeland to support article 37. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Grosberg).

Article 38: Mahoney and Melone Feasibility Studies

Motion made by Larry Rowe and seconded by Bill Kneeland to support article 38. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Grosberg).

Article 39: Walkway Construction

Motion made by Larry Rowe and seconded by Bill Kneeland to support article 39. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Grosberg).

Article 40: Loring Parsonage Exterior Restoration

Motion made by Tracy Billig and seconded by Larry Rowe to support article 40. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Grosberg).

Article 41: Hearse House Relocation and Restoration

Motion made by Larry Rowe and seconded by Debbie Zurka to support article 41. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Grosberg).

Article 42: Cemetery Ironwork Restoration

Motion made by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Larry Rowe to support article 42. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Grosberg).

Article 43: Sudbury housing Authority Condo Purchase

Motion made by Larry Rowe and seconded by Ralph Verni to support article 43. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Grosberg).

Article 44: L-S Community Athletic Field

Motion to Report at Town Meeting

Article 45: General Budget and Appropriations

Motion to Report at Town Meeting

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 9:45pm