

Town of Sudbury ~ Finance Committee
Minute of Meetings
Monday – April 5, 2010
6:00pm – LSRHS (Room A300)

PRESENT: Chairman Chuck Woodard, Joan Carlton, Jamie Gossels, Bob Jacobson (arrived 6:15pm), Bill Kneeland, Jim Rao, Marty Ragonas, and Robert Stein
ABSENT: Sheila Stewart

Opening Comments

The meeting was opened at 6:04pm. The committee was informed of the articles that they needed to vote on.

Votes on Annual Town Meeting Articles

The following votes are listed in order by article number, and not by order that the votes were actually taken.

Article 3: Stabilization Fund

The committee was informed that the \$50,000 for the Stabilization Fund is contingent upon the passage of the override ballot question.

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval of Article 3. Motion made by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Jim Rao. On vote, motion carries 7 in support, 0 opposed, and 2 absent (Jacobson, Stewart).

Article 4: FY11 Budget

The committee was informed that the last budget working group meeting was held this past Thursday. There was a consensus to recommend a reduction in the override figure by approximately \$500,000. The committee discussed some of the differences in the figures when comparing their original vote (Feb. 8th) to tonight's vote. Andrea Terkelsen, Finance Director, provided a quick overview of how the Ambulance Reserve Account works.

VOTED: Motion to recommend an Override budget in the amount of \$78,748,358. Motion made by Jim Rao and seconded by Joan Carlton. On vote, motion carries 6 in support, 1 opposed (Stein), and 2 absent (Jacobson, Stewart).

VOTED: Motion to recommend a Non-Override budget in the amount of \$77,537,218. Motion made by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Jim Rao. On vote, motion carries 7 in support, 0 opposed, and 2 absent (Jacobson, Stewart).

Article 5: FY11 Capital Budget

VOTED: Motion to recommend a Capital Override Budget in the amount of \$529,054. Motion made by Joan Carlton and seconded by Marty Ragonas. On vote, motion carries 7 in support, 0 opposed, and 2 absent (Jacobson, Stewart).

Article 6: Amend Bylaws – Town Meeting Commencement

Chuck Woodard questioned who chose the actual date of May 2, and Bob Jacobson question why the article did not just list the wording "1st Monday in May". Andrea Terkelsen informed the committee that Paul Kenny, Town Counsel, and Myron Fox, Town Moderator, preferred to have an actual date listed. Chuck Woodard informed the committee that the school committee's are being asked to take a position on this article.

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval of Article 6. Motion made by Jim Rao and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Stewart).

The committee was provided a revised motion for Article 6 that will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting. The revised motion changes the date of the Annual Town Meeting to the first Monday in May.

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval of Article 6 as per the final motion to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting. Motion made by Jim Rao and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Stewart).

Article 9: FY11 Recreation Field Maintenance Enterprise Budget

Andrea Terkelsen gave a brief overview of how the fund was created and the way it is intended to work. She informed the committee that both the Recreation & DPW Departments are affected by this article. The amounts being presented are not contingent on the override passing.

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval of the Recreation Field Maintenance Enterprise Fund Budget in the amount of \$221,497. Motion made by Jamie Gossels and seconded by Jim Rao. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Stewart).

Article 18: Wayland/Sudbury Septage Facility

The committee was informed that the septage facility is already closed.

VOTED: Motion to recommend approval of Article 18. Motion made by Marty Ragonese and seconded by Joan Carlton. On vote, motion carries 8 in support, 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Stewart).

Article 33: CPF – Town Hall Architectural Design Study

Andrea Terkelsen informed the committee that a motion will be made to indefinitely postpone this article.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 7:08pm to attend the 2010 Annual Town Meeting.