

**Town of Sudbury ~ Finance Committee**  
**Minutes of Joint-Meeting with Lincoln Finance Committee**  
**Tuesday - February 7, 2012**  
**Hartwell Multipurpose Room on the Lincoln Schools Campus – 7:30pm**

**Present for Sudbury FinCom:** Joan Carlton, Jamie Gossels, Robert Jacobson, Bill Kneeland, Chuck Woodard, , Mark Minassian and Robert Stein. Absent: Jim Rao, Douglas Kohen

**Present for Lincoln FinCom:** Eric Harris, Karl Geiger, Sanj Kharbanda, John Koenig (Chair), Peyton Marshall, Ellen Meyer Shorb, Laura Sander

The Committee held a joint meeting with the Lincoln Finance Committee. John Koenig, Chair of the Lincoln Finance Committee, opened the meeting at 7:33pm.

After introductions, and acknowledgment of the presence of State Representative Tom Conroy and members of the Lincoln K-8 School Committee and Administration, the Sudbury Public Schools School Committee and Administration, the LSRHS School Committee and Administration, the Lincoln Capital Planning Committee and the Sudbury Capital Improvements Planning Committee, John Koenig summarized the Lincoln FY13 Budget Process, with a 2% guideline to all budget agencies (excluding, in the case of LSRHS, pensions and insurance and debt). Joan Carlton, Vice Chair of the Sudbury Finance Committee, summarized the Sudbury FY13 Budget Process, with a 2.5% budget guideline.

There was then a discussion about long-term capital planning and funding for Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School and what role, if any, the two Finance Committees and/or Capital Improvement Planning Committees should play. Historically, the high school's capital needs have never been considered for funding by either town's capital committees. Judy Belliveau, Finance Director, presented the high school's current capital plan. Scott Carpenter, Superintendant, noted that technology costs to keep with trends in wireless internet connectivity were not included in that plan. Sudbury's bylaws exclude the high school from participation in funding through that town's capital committee, but there is a plan to amend that bylaw at Sudbury town meeting in 2013.

There was then a discussion about recent trends related to special education costs, in particular out of district expenses, and their potential longer-term impact to the high school. The high school projects out-of-district SPED costs of \$4.4 million for FY13, plus out-of-district transportation of \$500,000, servicing 64 students, compared to a total operating budget for FY13 of \$21.5 million. Stephanie Powers, Lincoln Schools Administrator for Student Services, discussed trends since 2003 of students requiring out-of-district placement matriculating from the Lincoln Schools to the high school.

**There being no further business the joint meeting with the Lincoln Finance Committee concluded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.**