

**Town of Sudbury
Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2012
7:30 p.m.**

The Town of Sudbury's Finance Committee Meeting, held on the second floor of the Flynn Building, was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chairman James Rao. Present for this meeting were Joan Carlton, Jamie Gossels, Bill Kneeland, Doug Kohen, Jim Rao, Robert Stein and Chuck Woodard. Bob Jacobson arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Item 1: Transfers

Maureen Valente, Town Manager, presented to the committee two memorandums. One memo requested a temporary increase to the COA Revolving Account spending limit from \$20,000 per year to \$35,000 per year for FY2012. The reason for this request was because the expenditures for the Sudbury Senior Center exceeded the limit set for FY2011 as additional courses were being requests. All costs are covered by the fees paid by participants so there is no impact to taxpayers.

VOTED: Motion was made by Bill Kneeland to approve the temporary increase to the COA Revolving Account spending limit from \$20,000 to \$35,000. Jim Rao seconded the motion. On vote, motion was carried in support (8 in support and 0 opposed).

Maureen presented another memorandum to the committee requesting a transfer of \$24,725 from the Employee Benefits Reserve Line Item to the Police Department to allow the Police Department to purchase a Radio Base Console Replacement. (See memorandum, dated January 23, 2012 regarding Transfer from Health Insurance Reserve Fund). It is the town's intention to have a combined Fire/Police dispatch by July, 2012. Doug Kohen asked if this will safeguard us from safety problems, and Maureen answered in the affirmative.

VOTED: Motion was made by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Jim Rao to approve this transfer the \$24,725 for the Police Department Console Replacement. On vote, motion was carried in support (8 in support and 0 opposed).

VOTED: Motion was made by Joan to approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2011 Minutes Meeting and seconded by Doug (with changes and edits). On vote, motion was carried to approve the December 19, 2011 Minutes and carried in support (8 in support and 0 opposed).

Item 2: New Member Interview Process

Jim introduced to the committee two applicants who are interested in becoming new Finance Committee members. Jim Rao informed the committee that two applicants have applied to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Tammie Dufault. He gave the committee members and applicants a brief overview of the how the process would work tonight. He also reminded the committee members that they are only voting to recommend a candidate to the town moderator.

The candidates were interviewed in the following order: Andrew Sullivan and Mark Minassian. Each applicant was given the opportunity to present a brief summary of their job career experience and their reason for applying to the Finance Committee. The applicants were asked the same set of questions that the committee had used for prior interviews. The questions included why they applied, to explain their background, if they would be willing to serve a minimum of the remaining 2 ½ years remaining on this vacancy if appointed to the committee, and their willingness to take on a leadership role.

There was a short discussion of the two applicants between the committee members.

VOTED: Motion was made to vote for Andrew Sullivan as the new Finance Committee member, and there was 1 in support (Gossels). Motion was made to vote for Mark Minassian as the new Finance Committee member and there were 7 in support. Congratulations were offered to Mark, and Robert Stein made mention to Andrew not to give up trying to become a FinCom member.

Item 3: Public Comments

There was a short discussion about what local support aid would be received regarding the K-12 Chapter 70 aid. There is a \$5.2 billion (slight increase from last year). The question was asked if we are in a better starting place than in the past. Bill asked if the numbers included SPED. SPED has a budget of \$213 million (no reduction).

Item 4: Budget Hearing Schedule and Joint Meeting with Lincoln FinCom

Jim handed out a Budget Hearing Schedule with the remaining meetings listed through fiscal 2012.

Joan Carlton went to the Route 20 Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting and gave a brief overview of progress to date.

Jim stated the next meeting would be Monday, February 6, 2012 at the Grange Hall at 7:30 p.m. Motion was made by Bill Kneeland to adjourn and was seconded by Jim Rao.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 9:20 p.m.