

**Town of Sudbury
FY14 Budget Hearings Schedule
Minuteman, CPA and CIPC
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, February 4, 2013
7:30 p.m.**

The Town of Sudbury's Finance Committee Budget Hearings for Minuteman, CPA, and CIPC for FY14, held in Lower Town Hall, was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Jim Rao. Present for this meeting were Joan Carlton, Jamie Gossels, Bob Jacobson, Bill Kneeland, Doug Kohen, Mark Minassian, Jim Rao and Robert Stein. Chuck Woodard was absent.

Minuteman Presentation

The first presenter was Edward Bouquillon, Ph.D., Superintendent-Director of Minuteman High School. Dr. Bouquillon introduced Kevin Mahoney, Asst. Superintendent of Finance and Chris Liotto, Business Office Manager and Dave Manjarrez, the Sudbury representative on the Minuteman School Committee. Information was passed out to all members regarding the FY14 Budget. Dr. Bouquillon stated that the increase in member assessments overall is 3.4% which is based on an operating budget increase of 4.7%. The 5-year average overall budget increase per year is 1.2%. Dr. Bouquillon also covered overall enrollment and out of district tuitions. Bill Kneeland asked Dr. Bouquillon what the results were of the Minuteman Out-of-District Student Task Force. Dr. Bouquillon mentioned that the results will be discussed at the upcoming Municipal breakfast on Thursday. He believes that out-of-district tuitions help keep overall tuitions reasonable. Joan Carlton asked if out-of-district towns were charged for capital costs. Dr. Bouquillon stated that unfortunately the school district can't charge capital costs to out-of-district towns and that this is in fact a disconnect in funding.

There being no further questions from the committee, Jim Rao asked the audience if they had any questions or comments to make. Dave Manjarrez commented that he disagrees that out-of-district tuitions are reasonable and that member towns are subsidizing out-of-district towns.

Capital Improvement Planning Committee ("CIPC")

Eric Greece, Chair of the CIPC, presented the presented the FY14 Capital Budget along with Maryanne Bilodeau, Assistant Town Manager. Eric informed the committee the CIPC reviews capital projects which would have a useful life of at least five years and a single year cost of \$10,000 or a multi-year cost of \$100,000 or more. There are currently 4 members on the CIPC with 3 vacancies. Jim asked why there are so many vacancies. Eric mentioned that 3 members had recently resigned and that there have been some discussions with the Town Manager as to the composition and purpose of the CIPC.

The CIPC was presented with projects for review that totaled \$969,000 but only \$567,336 can be funded within the constraints of a No Override budget. Within this budget, leases take up \$217,674 of the budget leaving less than \$350,000 for new capital items. The CIPC is recommending 3 new vehicles for the Department of Public Works ("DPW"). A dump truck and

Bombadier tractor are proposed as 5-year leases whereas a Chevy 1 Ton truck is proposed to be purchased outright for \$50,000, all for the DPW. The CIPC also approved a new skid tank and pump unit for the Fire Department in the amount of \$20,000 as well as a variety of building improvements for the Facilities Director that total \$124,062 and are for a variety of Town facilities and SPS school buildings.

Community Preservation Committee

Chris Morley presented the CPA FY14 Budget. CPA is a state program on open space given to the town by the state.

Chris passed out the 2013 Town Meeting Warrant Articles – this listed each request for monies towards Town Center Landscaping Restoration, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Softball Field Design, Historic Projects, new Town-Wide Walkways, Sudbury Housing Trust 10% Allocation, the Amendment of Article 38 of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting Carding Mill/Stearns Mill Pond Invasive Weed Removal, the Amendment of Article 27 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting Revolutionary War Cemetary, and the General Budget and Appropriations.

Jim stated the next Budget Hearing Meeting would be Thursday, February 7, 2013 at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. Motion was made by Bill Kneeland to adjourn and was seconded by Jamie Gossels.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 8:39 p.m.