

**Town of Sudbury  
Finance Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday, February 26, 2013  
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 7:34 p.m. by Chairman Jim Rao. Present for this meeting were Joan Carlton, Jamie Gossels, Doug Kohen, Bill Kneeland, Mark Minassian, Jim Rao and Bob Stein. Bob Jacobson arrived at 7:45 p.m. Chuck Woodard was absent.

**Item #1: Transfers and Minutes**

Members were asked to refer to the minutes of the meeting on December 17, 2012 that were previously circulated. With no further discussion, comments or questions on the minutes the Chairman asked for a motion to approve. The motion was so moved by Mark Minassian and seconded by Jamie Gossels. No further discussion. VOTE: Unanimous (8-0) in favor of motion.

Members were asked to refer to the minutes of the meeting on February 7, 2013 that were previously circulated. With no further discussion, comments or questions on the minutes the Chairman asked for a motion to approve. The motion was so moved by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Doug Kohen. No further discussion. VOTE: On vote, the motion was approved (7 in support and 1 abstention, Chuck Woodard).

Members were asked to refer to the minutes of the meeting on February 11, 2013 that were previously circulated. Jim and Jamie suggested separate edits on page 3 that were agreed to by the committee. With no further discussion, comments or questions on the minutes the Chairman asked for a motion to approve. The motion was so moved by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Mark Minassian. No further discussion. VOTE: On vote, the motion was approved (7 in support and 1 abstention, Chuck Woodard).

Jim then referred to a transfer request from the Town that was previously circulated. Jim reviewed the transfer on behalf of the Town Finance Director as she was unable to attend due to a prior commitment at the Board of Selectmen's meeting. The proposed transfer of \$9,013 is requested from the Reserve Fund to cover unbudgeted costs related to the special town election held on December 4, 2012. After a brief discussion and several clarifying questions, a motion to approve was made by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Jamie Gossels. No further discussion. VOTE: Unanimous (8-0) in favor of motion.

Jim then referred to the memo from the Director of Public Works, Bill Place, that requests approval from the committee for the town to deficit spend for the Snow and Ice accounts. Jim explained that this is a customary request that the committee has reviewed nearly every year.

With no further discussion, comments or questions on the snow and ice deficit request the Chairman asked for a motion to approve. The motion was so moved by Bill Kneeland and seconded by Jamie Gossels. No further discussion. VOTE: Unanimous (8-0) in favor of motion.

### **Item #2: Budget Deliberations and Review of Articles for Town Meeting**

Jim referred the committee to the handout which listed the articles for town meeting. He then led the committee through a discussion of the various articles to determine which the committee should take a position on. After reviewing the warrant articles, Bob Stein commented that we should begin to revisit the cost center allocations as there is clearly a shift in student demographics as SPS enrollment is declining while the enrollment at LS is still increasing. Jim agreed and suggested that a discussion needed to include each cost center. He also suggested that it is difficult to have that review and discussion until an agreement has been reached on a new contract for the LS teachers, something that is being discussed this evening at the LS School Committee.

### **Item #3: Joint Finance Committee Meeting with Lincoln**

In preparation for the joint meeting with Lincoln, Jim suggested several agenda topics for that meeting for discussion with the committee. In addition to an update on the LS teacher contract, a general budget update, re-apportionment, capital planning and any general updates. The committee agreed.

### **Item #4: Public Comments**

There were no Public Comments.

The Finance Committee will meet next on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 7:30 pm in Lower Town Hall for a joint meeting with the Lincoln Finance Committee.

Bill Kneeland a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Doug Kohen. All were in favor.

**There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 9:10 p.m.**