

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
7:30 PM TOWN HALL HEARING ROOM
5/3/06

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*	Fey	Dunn*	O'Neill	Mahoney*
DeCoursey*	Connors	Simmons	Bayer*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan	
Ferrara	Franclemont*	Jones*	Olsen	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Kneeland*

- Indicates present

VISITOR: Treasurer Steve Gilligan

MINUTES of 5/1/06 meeting were accepted as corrected. Unanimous.

ART 25 HOME RULE-EXEMPTIONS & DEFFERALS: Jones proposed tying the deferral rate to the 10 yr treasury notes & presented history data. Gilligan stated his opposition to any rate below 7% because of the loss of revenue & because property owners could invest funds they would have paid as taxes at a rate greater than the deferral rate. He said several hundred residents would qualify if the income cap were \$30k. With the income cap at \$20k, there are 22 deferrals. A VOTE to reduce the rate to 7% failed 6-7. VOTED to increase the rate to the 10 yr Treasury rate at the last auction before July 1 with a max of 8% and a min of 6%. 11-2.

TRANSFER: GenGov SubCom (DuBois) explained a \$720 error in the FY06 Town Clerk budget as voted at Town Meeting & recommended it be corrected w/ a transfer. She also recommended a transfer from expenses to personal services. VOTED to transfer \$720 from the Reserve Fund to the Town Clerk's Budget and to authorize a transfer of \$1065 from expenses to personal services in the Town Clerk's budget. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: $78,590.66 - 720 = 77870.66$

Peter B Howard Secretary 5/9/06

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