

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
2/26/07

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

MINUTES of 2/21/07 accepted as amended. Unanimous.

ART 26: Tosti reported that OPEB funds will be transferred from the existing fund into a holding fund controlled by the Treasurer. The 2008 town meeting will then decide whether to transfer them into the OPEB fund established recently under home rule legislation.

BUDGET & REVENUE TASK FORCE: Tosti said that a subcommittee had been established to follow up on the recommendations of the Fiscal Organization Study Committee.

BUD 20 LIBRARY: Library/Hum Serv SubCom (Franclemont) reported that the salary increase of the pages was caused by the minimum wage increase. The library is state certified. Director would like a full time technology specialist but can not afford one. There is no money in budget for building maintenance. The SubCom will verify the impact of collective bargaining on this budget.

BUD 8 ASSESSORS: Finances SubCom (McGaffigan) corrected the director's longevity (to 4%) and increased the expenses (+\$1000). Voted \$286222. Unanimous.

BUD 1 FINCOM: GenGov SubCom (Howard) recommended the budget as printed. A motion to restore part of the stipend given up during the recession by increasing the budget \$260 was made and debated. VOTED \$10778. 15-1

BUD 3 TOWN MANAGER: GenGov SubCom (Howard) discussed the website budget and recommended the budget as printed. VOTED \$432326 Unanimous

BUD 9 LEGAL: GenGov SubCom (Howard), after reviewing the legal expense budget, recommended the budget as printed. The committee requested more details on anticipated legal expenses.

BUD 2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN: GenGov SubCom (Bayer), using a handout, explained how the revised staffing plan could be implemented and, given the proposed reduction in the Comptroller's budget, would keep the BoS appointing authority increase under 4% even w/o including a reduction in the number of elections. Since a change of grade is proposed, this budget is contingent on Art 41 Reclassification. VOTED \$343723. Unanimous.

BUD 10 TOWN CLERK: GenGov SubCom (DuBois), recommended the budget as printed. VOTED \$221957 Unanimous.

BUD 11 REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: GenGov SubCom (DuBois), using a handout, proposed a small training budget as an alternative to hiring a part time assistant, a position vacated several years ago. She showed that, together with the Clerk's budget, this appointing authority increase would be under 4%. VOTED \$61787 15-1.

BUD 12 PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: GenGov SubCom (Howard) proposed the budget as printed except to include a \$3000 offset from the ConCom

revolving fund as was done last year. VOTED \$208782 Unanimous.

BUD 14 REDEVELOPMENT BOARD: GenGov SubCom (Howard) corrected a salary error and noted that the energy budgets were provided by the manager as part of a town-wide energy budget study. After a discussion of the energy budgets, Olsen will distribute a tally of town wide energy estimates. Dunn will request a tally of actual expenses from the Comptroller. Tosti will request an explanation of FY08 energy estimates. The SubCom will request details on off-budget programs administered by this department. VOTED \$480777 Unanimous.

COMMITTEE: Agendas: Capital Plan 3/12, Town Manager articles 3/14, Education Budget 4/4.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$350,000

Peter B Howard Secretary 2/27/07 Revised 2/28/07

cc FinCom Members, Selectmen, Town Manager, Comptroller, Library File, Town Web Site FinCom Web Site

VOTE SUMMARY-Budgets

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Amount	Vote Unlisted votes were unanimous
1	FinCom	2/26	2/26	\$10,778	15-1
2	Board of Selectmen	2/26	2/26	\$343,723	
3	Town Manager	2/26	2/26	\$432,326	
4	Personnel				
5	Comptroller				
6	Treasurer				
7	Postage				
8	Assessors	2/26	2/26	\$286,221	
9	Legal	2/26			
10	Town Clerk	2/26	2/26	\$221,957	
11	Registrar of Voters	2/26	2/26	\$61,787	15-1
12	Parking				
13	Planning	2/26	2/26	\$208,782	
14	Redevelopment Board	2/26	2/26	\$480,777	
15	Zoning Board of Appeals				
16	Public Works				
17	Community Safety				
18	Inspections				
19	Education				
20	Library	2/26			
21	Health & Human Services				
22	Retirement				
23	Insurance				
24	Reserve Fund				
W&S					
Rec					
Rnk					
COA					

VO22TE SUMMARY – Articles

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Result Unlisted votes were unanimous
18	Data Processing Department Transfer	2/21	2/21	Jones to draft vote
26	Pension Funding	2/21	2/21	No action
27	Health Care Trust Funds	2/5	2/21	No action
39	Collective Bargaining			
40	Future Collective Bargaining			
41	Salary Adjustments/Elected officials			
42	Carbon Bank	2/5		No report
43	Energy manager	2/5		Carman – Belmont plan Howard-Vision 2020
36	SPED Fund			
45	Capital Budget			
48	Town Celebrations			
49	Committees & Commissions			
50	Miscellaneous			
51	George St Sidewalk	2/21		Need more info
52	School Facilities Working Group			
53	Sewers			
54	Water			
56	Pension Adjustments	2/21	2/21	Favorable action
57	Transfer Retiree Health Care Funds	2/21		Tosti to draft vote
59	200 th Anniversary Committee	2/21		Need more info
61	Town & School Budgets	2/5		Finances Sub to investigate
62	Harry Barber Program			
63	Minuteman Senior Services			
64	Revaluation	2/21	2/21	\$325,000
65	Tip Fee Stab Fund			
66	Cemetery			
67	Overlay Reserve			
68	Stabilization Fund			
69	Free Cash			
72	W&S Health Insurance Offsets	2/5		Finances Sub to investigate