

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
4/9/07

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

VISITORS: Personnel Director Caryn Malloy, Transportation Advisory Board Members Jeff Maxtutis, Elizabeth Carr-Jones

MINUTES of 3/21/07 & 4/4/07 accepted as amended. Unanimous.

ART 41 RECLASSIFICATION: Malloy reviewed her recommendations as printed in the draft FinCom report. There was some discussion on the new operations manager in PW. Malloy stated that another position would not be filled but it was unclear whether this position would be retained in the budget. She also reviewed the situation in the BoS office. VOTED to approve the proposed wording except deleting Item 3B, PW Operations Manager, pending discussion w/ PW Director, and adding BoS Office Manager, and adjusting the cost to delete any grant-funded positions. Unanimous
EF REC: HumSer SubCom (Franclemont) recommended the budget as printed. VOTED Expenses \$615,637, Revenue \$616,000 Unanimous.

EF RINK: HumSer SubCom (Franclemont) recommended the budget as printed. There was discussion and concern about the plans for renovating the rink & the contract w/ the state.

VOTED Expenses \$466,405, Revenue \$468,812 7-4-1

BUD 7 POSTAGE: Finances SubCom (Dunn) requested reconsideration of the 3/5 vote to correct double-counting the W\$S offset. VOTED \$150,443 Unanimous

BUD 14 REDEVELOPMENT BOARD: GenGov SubCom (Howard) requested reconsideration of the 2/26 vote to add the expenses of the ARB itself which had been inadvertently left out of the budget book. VOTED \$490,527 Unanimous

ART 45 CAPITAL BUDGET: The Chair requested a formal vote to approve a \$2,700 increase to cover the borrowing cost of the Thompson School bathrooms. VOTED \$8,362,746 Unanimous.

ART 18 IT DEPARTMENT CREATION & TRANSFER: Jones read the comment he had drafted for the report in support of this transfer. He stated that considerable efficiencies would be realized eventually by centralizing & strengthening this activity. After some discussion, Jones & Dunn agreed to draft a vote w/ the help of the Town Counsel that would authorize this transfer which could be used if the BoS decides otherwise. VOTED to support this approach. Unanimous.

ART 51 GEORGE STREET: Maxtutis stated that he and others had met w/ 3 of 4 abbuters. They are willing to donate some land for a sidewalk. PW has stated that an asphalt sidewalk on one side or the other is feasible and estimated a cost of \$11,500 or \$18,250 depending on which side of the street. Maxtutis believes that the expense could be covered in the annual PW sidewalk budget. The sidewalk would be maintained by the Town. VOTED to support the plan for the sidewalk at \$0 (assuming funding in PW budget) provided the land is donated by the abbuters. 10-2.

COMMITTEE: Tosti stated that the disappointing \$200k Local Aid increase now seems certain. Education Budget 4/11. All members urged to review budget report. RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$220,000
Peter B Howard Secretary 4/10/07
cc FinCom Members, Selectmen, Town Manager, Comptroller, Library File, Town Web Site FinCom Web Site

VOTE SUMMARY – Articles

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Result Unlisted votes were unanimous
18	Data Processing Department Transfer	2/21	2/21,4/9	Favorable action
26	Pension Funding	2/21	2/21	No action
27	Health Care Trust Funds	2/5	2/21	No action
28	Rental Receipts	3/14	3/21	No action 10-2
36	SPED Fund			Tosti to investigate
39	Collective Bargaining	3/14		
40	Future Collective Bargaining	3/14		
41	Positions reclassification	4/4	4/9	\$30,739
42	Carbon Bank	2/5		No report
43	Energy manager	2/5,3/14	3/21	No action
45	Capital Budget	3/12	3/12	\$8,360,046
46	Rescind Authority to Borrow	3/12	3/12	No action
47	Minuteman Tech	3/5	3/7	\$3,276,622 12-5
48	Town Celebrations	3/14	3/21	\$10,667
49	Committees & Commissions	3/14,19	3/19	\$16560
50	Miscellaneous	3/14	3/21	\$14,055
51	George St Sidewalk	2/21, 4/9	4/9	Favorable action \$0
52	School Facilities Working Group	4/4	4/4	Support in principle
53	Sewers	3/14	3/21	\$740,000
54	Water	3/14	3/21	\$1,000,000
55	Liberty Ride	3/12		No report - BoS
56	Pension Adjustments	2/21	2/21	Favorable action
57	Transfer Retiree Health Care Funds	2/21	3/14,21	\$465,223
58	Local Option Taxes	3/21	3/21	No report at this time
59	200 th Anniversary Committee	2/21	3/7	\$6200 13-4
61	Town & School Budgets	2/5	3/12	No action
62	Harry Barber Program	3/7	3/7	\$7,500
63	Minuteman Senior Services	3/7	3/7	\$9,818 15-2
64	Revaluation	2/21	2/21	\$325,000
65	Tip Fee Stab Fund	3/21	3/21	\$680,000
66	Cemetery	3/21	3/21	\$190,000
67	Overlay Reserve Surplus	3/21	3/21	\$500,000
68	Stabilization Fund	3/21	3/21	TBD
69	Free Cash	3/21	3/21	\$954,736
72	W&S Health Insurance Offsets	2/5	3/21	No action

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	3/12	3/12	\$179,228	11-2
5	Comptroller	3/7	3/7	\$830,407	
6	Treasurer	3/5	3/5	\$552,840	13-0-1
7	Postage	3/5	3/5, 4/9	\$150,443	
8	Assessors	2/26	2/26	\$286,221	
9	Legal	2/26	3/21	\$433,359	
10	Town Clerk	2/26	2/26	\$221,957	
11	Registrar of Voters	2/26	2/26	\$61,787	15-1
12	Parking	3/5	3/5	\$90,766	13-0-1
13	Planning	2/26	2/26	\$208,782	
14	Redevelopment Board	2/26	2/26, 4/9	\$490,527	
15	Zoning Board of Appeals	2/28	2/28	\$22,296	
16	Public Works	3/21	3/21	\$6,655,982	
17a	Community Safety Admin	3/7	3/7	\$343,148	
17b	Police	3/7	3/7	\$5,289,617	
17c	Fire	3/19	3/19	\$4,968,561	
17d	Support	3/12	3/12	\$633,957	
18	Inspections	3/7	3/7	\$328,342	
19	Education				
20	Library	2/26	2/28	\$1,811,090	
21a	Health & Human Services	3/14	3/21	\$253,391	
21b	Veterans	3/12	3/12	\$223,311	
21c	COA	3/21	3/21	\$135,783	
22	Retirement	2/28	2/28	\$6,706,719	
23	Insurance	2/28 3/21	3/21	\$15,009,885	
24	Street Lighting	3/21	3/21	\$409,000	
25	Reserve Fund	2/28	2/28	\$400,000	
W&S	Water & Sewer EF (balanced)	3/19	3/19	\$17,257,955	
Rec	Rev \$616,000, Exp \$615,637	3/21, 4/4	4/9	\$363	
Rnk	Rev \$468,812, Exp \$466,405	3/21, 4/4	4/9	\$2407	7-4-1
COA	Rev \$115,248, Exp \$102,777	3/21	3/21	\$12,471	
Youth	Rev \$325,000, Exp \$538,075	3/21	3/21	-\$213,075	