

ARINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
7:30PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
2/11/09

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*		Bayer*	Phelps*	Dunn
DeCoursey*	Connors	Simmons*	Olszewski*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst	Ronan*	
Ferrara	Franclemont*	Jones*	Deshler*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning	Carman	Turkall*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Retirement Board Member John Bilafer, 200th Anniversary CoChair Roly Chaput, Health & Human Services Director Christine Sharkey, Council on Aging Chair Harry McCabe, CoA Exec Director John Jope, CoA Board Members Ann FitzGerald, Karen Nichols, Joanne Morel, Arlington Senior Association Members Thomas Driscoll, Carol Driscoll, Charles Schwab, BSA Troop 313 Michael Bloom

MINUTES of 2/2/09 accepted as corrected. Unanimous

200 ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE BALANCE: Chaput reviewed his committee's preferences on how the remaining funds should be spent: \$1500 to the Library to support historical research on Arlington, \$1500 to the Town Celebrations account, and \$5000 to the general fund. This will be an article in the Special Town Meeting. Chaput stated that the most successful event was Family Day. The FinCom thanked Chaput & his committee for a job well done.

ART 32 Town Govt Reorg Committee: Bilafer proposed to set up a committee that, like a similar committee in the early 1980s, would work with a consultant to consider ways that the Town operations could be streamlined. Turkall to look for the Ernst & Whiney Report to that committee which resulted in creation of the Postal Dept under the Treasurer and the IT Dept under the Comptroller.

ART 53 PENSION ADJUSTMENTS: Bilafer stated that this is a standard article to prevent excessive shrinkage of retiree pensions caused by inflation. He said that the CRB's actuary is pricing the cost of this policy which is paid by the pension fund.

VOTED to approve. Unanimous.

ART 63 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FUND: Bilafer reviewed the efforts to date by which the Town has begun to address the OPEB obligation. He urged this policy be continued. Tosti stated that the Manager is recommending that the Medicare Part D moneys be used to fund health care rather than OPEB.

ART 31 GOODMAN RETIREMENT: Bilafer recommended that any home rule legislation proposal specify that Goodman's school committee time count towards a teacher's pension, not a Town worker's pension.

O'NEILL FORMULA: Bilafer suggested that it be used again to control discord.

ART 57 HARRY BARBER PROGRAM: McCabe, supported by Jope & a handout describing the program, urged continued support for 10 positions. So far, 8 positions have been filled this year.

VOTED \$7500 for 10 positions. Unanimous.

ART 58 MINUTEMAN SENIOR SERVICES: McCabe, using several handouts, urged \$10,679 support for this state program. Numerous benefits received by Arlington residents. State funds cut \$110k in FY09. Plans for FY10 unknown.

After considerable discussion a motion to appropriate \$5k failed 5-7 and a motion to table failed 6-7. The original motion to appropriate the requested value was revised to appropriate 5% less.

VOTED \$10,145 9-4.

WARRANT REVIEW: The committee decided which articles it would hear. See list below.

COMMITTEE:

2/16. No mtg

2/18 Capital Budget, Assessor Mtg to be held in the BoS Hearing Room

2/25 Water Bodies Fund

3/4 Minuteman Tech

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$287,000

Peter B Howard 2/14/09

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

VOTE SUMMARY – Articles

# 2/11	#	#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
16			Marihuana Bylaw			Public Safety SubCom to inquire
27			After School Scholarship Fund			
28			Max Age for Appointment to Police & Fire			TM
29			Max Age For Police & Fire			
30			Transfer Of McClennen Park			
31			Goodman Pension Time			
32			Govt Reorg Committee			
33			Pay As You Throw			
34			Library Copiers & Printers Fund			TM
35			Parking Fund			
39			Collective Bargaining			TM
40			Future Collective Bargaining			TM
41			Salary Adjustment Elected Officials			TM
42			Positions Reclassification			
43			Budgets			
46			Minuteman Tech			
47			Minuteman Tech Stabilization Fund			
48			Celebrations			TM
49			Committees & Commissions			
50			Misc Appropriations			TM
51			Sewers			TM
52			Water			TM
53			Pension Adjustment	2/11	2/11	Support
55			Mead Road Improvements			
56			Disability Commission Appropriation			
57			Harry Barber Service Program	2/11	2/11	7500
58			Minuteman Senior Services	2/11	2/11	10145 9-4
59			Reevaluation			
60			Tax Exemptions			
61			Water Bodies			
62			Special Ed Reserve Account			Super
63			OPEB			TM
64			Tip Fee Stab Fund			
65			Transfer of Cemetery Funds			
66			Overlay Reserve			
67			Stabilization Fund			
68			Free Cash			

VOTE SUMMARY-Budgets

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Amount	Vote Unlisted votes were unanimous
1	FinCom				
2	Board of Selectmen				
3	Town Manager				
4	Personnel				
5	Information Technology				
6	Comptroller				
7	Treasurer				
8	Postage				
9	Assessors				
10	Legal				
11	Town Clerk				
12	Registrar of Voters				
13	Parking				
14	Planning				
15	Redevelopment Board				
16	Zoning Board of Appeals				
17	Public Works				
17a	Street Lights				
18a	Community Safety Admin				
18b	Police				
18c	Fire				
18d	Support				
19	Inspections				
20	Education				
21	Library				
22a	Health & Human Services				
22b	Veterans				
22c	COA				
23	Retirement				
24	Insurance				
25	Reserve Fund				
W&S EF					
Rec EF					
Rnk EF					
COA EF					
Youth EF					