

ARINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
7:30PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
3/2/09

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: Jay Weinberger, Barbara Goodman, Permanent Town Building Committee member Bill Shea, Human Rights Commissioners Sheri Baron (Chair), Christine Carney, Bill Shea

MINUTES of 2/23/09 accepted as corrected. Unanimous

ART 31 HOME RULE LEGISLATION: Goodman requested support for her effort to improve her pension by getting legislative approval to count 2 years of her service on the School Committee (unpaid), during which she was teaching part time, toward her teachers pension. During discussion members noted that this would be a precedent-setting action and the additional cost would likely become an obligation of Arlington, not the State teachers pension system.

VOTED no action. Unanimous.

ART 55 MEAD RD: Weinberger, using handouts & photos, discussed the Mead Rd (a public way) drainage problems near his house. Storm drain overflows are eroding his yard. Recent efforts by DPW have made the problem worse. He stated that he has discussed this w/ DPW over 15 yrs and has received no feedback other than a recent cost estimate. He does not know where Mead Road is on the DPW to do list. FinCom members expressed sympathy. VOTED to table. DPW SubCom will discuss w/ Director & report.

PERMANENT TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE: Shea would like the option to use the planning funds in the FY09 Capital Budget which are allocated to the Central Fire Station for the Highland Fire Station. FinCom Members suggested he get an article in the Special Town Meeting to amend the FY10 Capital Budget at Town Meeting.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: Baron, using a handout, discussed the goals, procedures and accomplishments of the commission. She provided a list of expenditures so far this year. She did not request an increase in the annual appropriation.

ART 49 COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS: VOTED to level fund the Historical Commission, the Historical District Commission & the Human Rights Commission. Unanimous. Recycling Committee appropriation remains tabled pending results of EcoFest compost bin sales.

COMMITTEE: Tosti reviewed the many State & Federal program and personnel changes that might affect Arlington. He proposed waiting until mid-April to vote the budgets hoping that the revenue situation would then be clearer. The FinCom budget recommendation would not be ready for the Town Meeting until May. This might cause the Town Meeting to recess for a week or 2. In the mean time he urged the SubComs to understand their budgets so as to be able to more easily explain any late changes.

In the mean time we could consider those budgets not affected including W&S EF, Rink EF, Rec EF, maybe Pensions & Insurance.
Turkall provided a revised hearing agenda
RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$287,000
Peter B Howard 3/3/09 Revised 3/4/09
cc FinCom Members, Selectmen, Town Manager, 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	2/11,3 /2	3/2	No action
32			Govt Reorg Committee	2/11		Need cost est
33			Pay As You Throw	2/23		Tabled
34			Library Copiers & Printers Fund			TM
35			Parking Fund	2/18	2/18	No action
39			Collective Bargaining			TM
40			Future Collective Bargaining			TM
41			Salary Adjustment Elected Officials			TM
42			Positions Reclassification			
43			Budgets			
44			Capital Budget	2/18	2/18	8242949
45			Rescind authority to borrow	2/18	2/18	177472
46			Minuteman Tech			
47			Minuteman Tech Stabilization Fund			
48			Celebrations			TM
49			Committees & Commissions	2/23,3 /2	3/2	All level funded except ARC tabled until EcoFest
50			Misc Appropriations			TM
51			Sewers			TM
52			Water			TM
53			Pension Adjustment	2/11	2/11	Support
55			Mead Road Improvements	3/2		Tabled pending SubCom rpt
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	2/18	2/18	70000
60			Tax Exemptions	2/18	2/18	No action 14-1
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					