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Minutes 04/13/2009

ARINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 4/13/09

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: Deputy Town Manager Nancy Galkowski, BoS Administrator Marie Krepelka

MINUTES of 4/6/09 accepted as corrected. Unanimous

STM ART3 200th ANNIVERSARY FUNDS TRANSFER: Krepelka reviewed plans for sister city celebration. Many people associated with this program in the past will be invited along with the Japanese delegation. Sightseeing is planned as well as a catered dinner in the Town Hall. VOTED to transfer \$7200 from the Reserve Fund and no action on this article. The article appears in the regular warrant and will be handled there.

5YR PLAN UPDATE: Galkowski reviewed a handout showing FY09 w/ 9C cuts and current estimate for FY10 based on the expected House 1. This update will expend the override stabilization fund. The projected deficit in FY11 is \$3.6 m. Recent turnover in the Personnel office has permitted a review of the health insurance rolls and a reduction of the people being carried. This is partly because of poor communication with the schools. There will be a \$1.1m snow and ice deficit. No new revenue expected from Symmes in FY10. No info on union negotiations. Tosti requested budgets before our 5/9 meeting. Galkowski promised to try.

STM ART 7 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THOMPSON SCHOOL: Wording from bond counsel for the vote was provided in a handout except for the \$. The Manager estimates the cost between \$50k & \$100k to do the feasibility study. Money will come from unexpended capital appropriations. VOTED the wording with the \$ to be provided at Town Meeting. Unanimous. Comment to explain the blank.

STM ART 6 CAPITAL BUDGET FIRE STATIONS: Foskett stated that the amount voted last week greatly exceeded the amount carried in the Capital Plan. The Chair was granted the authority to reduce the number to the value in the Capital Plan.

OVERRIDE STABILIZATION FUND: Tosti provided copies of a letter from the Treasurer to the BoS detailing the growth & decline of this fund. He showed a page from the 2004 FinCom Report as background for the Treasurer's comments. FinancesSubCom(Carman, Dunn) believe the drops in value correlate with major national fiscal events last year. The fund has lost \$1.1m as of March but so far these losses are unrealized. A decision on whether to cash in will have to be made for the FY10 budget.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

ART 33 PAYT: The ad hoc subcom (Howard, Ferrara) provided a revised vote which included some suggestions made at the last meeting. The discussion from 4/6 was reviewed. An amendment to add to part (c) "4) using any revenue raised under this plan to reduce the tax levy unless otherwise approved by town wide referendum." Was approved 9-4. VOTED to approve the proposed vote as amended 12-1.

ART 35 200th ANNIVERSARY FUNDS TRANSFER: VOTED to approve the wording in the article. 12-0-1. Gloria to insert the actual remaining fund balance after consulting the 200th Anniversary Committee (Meister, Chaput). Dunn to draft a comment.

ART 37 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: No report at this time. Unanimous

ART 38 FUTURE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: No report at this time. Unanimous

ART 39 SALARY ADJUSTMENT ELECTED OFFICIALS: No report at this time. Unanimous

ART 46 TOWN CELEBRATIONS: VOTED \$10,667 same as last year. Unanimous.

ART 47 COMMITTEES-RECYCLING COMMITTEE: VOTED to increase budget to \$3000 to subsidize compost bins. 10-3.

ART 48 MISCELLANEOUS: \$12,632 same as last year. Unanimous.

ART 49 SEWER FINANCING: VOTED \$ 357,500. Unanimous

ART 50 WATER FINANCING VOTED \$ 1,300,000. Unanimous

ART 52 LOCAL OPTION TAXES: VOTED no report at this time. Unanimous.

ART 60 SPED RESERVE ACCOUNT TRANSFER: VOTED to transfer \$150,000 from the fund established by ART 53 in the 2006 Warrant to the SPED account. Unanimous.

ART 61 OPEB: The Medicare Part D funds will not be used for this this year. Only the funds derived from the decrease in the non-contrib pensions & the increase in retiree HMO contributions will be used as in recent years. VOTED \$513,569. Unanimous.

ART 62 TIP FEE STAB FUND: VOTED to transfer \$680,000 to sanitation budget as in recent years. Unanimous.

ART 63 TRANSFER OF CEMETERY FUNDS: VOTED \$190,00. Unanimous.

ART 64 OVERLAY RESERVE: VOTED \$500,000. Unanimous

ART 66 FREE CASH: VOTED \$1,497,907, to reduce the tax rate. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE: Next mtg 4/29 before Town Meeting FinCom will meet 9:00 AM Saturday 5/9 to vote on the budget. The House may have voted local aid by then.

The Schools will hold a public budget hearing on 4/28.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$207,000.- \$7,200 = \$199,800

Peter B Howard 4/15/09 Revised 4/29/09

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

VOTE SUMMARY - Articles

# 2/11	# 3/3	#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
16	16		Marihuana Bylaw			Public Safety SubCom to inquire
27	27		After School Scholarship Fund	3/4	4/6	No report
28	28		Max Age for Appointment to Police & Fire		4/6	No report
29	29		Max Age For Police & Fire	3/18	3/18, 4/6	No action 11-3
30	30		Transfer Of McClennen Park			
31	31		Goodman Pension Time	2/11,3/2	3/2	No action
32	32		Govt Reorg Committee	2/11, 4/6		Need cost est
33	33		Pay As You Throw	2/23 4/6	4/13	Favorable action 12-1
34	XX		Library Copiers & Printers Fund			TM
35	XX		Parking Fund	2/18	2/18	No action

	35	200 th Anniversary Funds	4/13	4/13	Favorable action
	37	Collective Bargaining	4/13	4/13	No report at this time
40	38	Future Collective Bargaining	4/13	4/13	No report at this time
41	39	Salary Adjustment Elected Officials	4/13	4/13	No report at this time
42	40	Positions Reclassification	4/6	4/6	4366
43	41	Budgets			
44	42	Capital Budget	2/18	2/18	8242949
45	43	Rescind authority to borrow	2/18	2/18	177472
46	44	Minuteman Tech			
47	45	Minutean Tech Stabilization Fund			
48	46	Celebrations		4/13	\$10,667
49	47	Committees & Commissions	2/23,3/2 3/18 4/13	3/2, 3/18,4/13	All level funded except ARC \$3k 10-3 & Disabilities \$3k
50	48	Misc Appropriations		4/13	12,632
51	49	Sewers		4/13	357,500
52	50	Water		4/13	1,300,000
53	51	Pension Adjustment	2/11	2/11	Support
	52	Local Option Taxes		4/13	No report at this time
55	53	Mead Road Improvements	3/2	3/4	No action Comment based on DPW memo
56	54	Disability Commission Appropriation	3/18	3/18	No action
57	55	Harry Barber Service Program	2/11	2/11	7500
58	56	Minuteman Senior Services	2/11	2/11	10145 9-4
59	57	Reevaluation	2/18	2/18	70000
60	58	Tax Exemptions	2/18	2/18	No action 14-1
61	59	Water Bodies	3/4	3/4	15000
62	60	Special Ed Reserve Account		4/13	150,000
63	61	OPEB		4/13	513,569
64	62	Tip Fee Stab Fund		4/13	680,000
65	63	Transfer of Cemetery Funds		4/13	190,000
66	64	Overlay Reserve		4/13	500,000
67	65	Stabilization Fund			
68	66	Free Cash		4/13	1,497,907

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	3/18	3/18	353,468	
16	Zoning Board of Appeals	3/18	3/18	23,890	
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	3/18	3/18	326,568	
22c	COA				
23	Retirement	3/18	3/18	6,791,252	
24	Insurance				
25	Reserve Fund	3/18	3/18	500,000	
W&S EF					
Rec EF	Rev 600,500, Exp 597,132	3/18	3/18		
Rnk EF	Rev 567,000, Exp 560,267	3/18	3/18		
COA EF					
Youth EF					