

**Finance Committee**  
**March 10, 2004**

**Attending:** Todd Abbott, John Carter, David Fedrizzi, Mark Rogers, Paul Verrel

**Not Attending:** Brenda Edgerly, Denise Everest

**Also Attending:** Clint Andrews, Robert Gobeil, Eric Herrle, Paul Kussmann, Willis Lord, Kevin Nelson, David Woodsome

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with a correction noted in the minutes of the last meeting. It is to be noted that Brenda Edgerly was present at the meeting held on Thursday, March 4, 2004 and that Denise Everest was not in attendance on that date.

Paul Verrell initiated some discussion on the use of fees at the Transfer Station. He indicated that the Selectmen had voted in the Town Meeting of 2003 that all fees raised at the Transfer Station go toward Capital Improvements at that facility. He encouraged the committee to continue with this standard in the light of the perceived need and the projected new construction there. There was limited discussion and no vote was taken.

Paul Kussmann spoke to the issue of the cost of the proposed Transfer Station building project. The new building would be funded exclusively by fees and income generated at the Transfer Station per a vote by the Selectmen at a recent meeting. He indicated that an extensive educational program will begin with the Public Hearing scheduled for later this month. Mark made a motion to change the wording of the referenda question. This was seconded and unanimously voted to accept the change in wording. The change in wording for question #3 will be submitted to Nancy to read:

Shall the Town authorize the building of a recycling center to be located at the Waterboro Transfer Station? \$482,908.00 to be funded by:

- Transfer station fees carried over from 2001-2002 totaling \$139,741.0
- Transfer Station fees from FY 2004 in the amount of \$71,000.00
- Grant monies from Maine State Planning Office in the amount of \$60,000.00
- Income from the 2004 Hollis contract in the amount of \$14,166.00
- A loan in the amount of \$185,000.00 to be paid over a 3 year period by applying future Transfer Station fees and revenues.

The addition of referenda question #4 appropriating \$10,000.00 for the Library for the planning, and / or construction of a new Waterboro library. This will cause Article #15 to be removed from the warrant.

Employee salaries and benefits were discussed. John made a motion to increase the salary of the Clerk not to exceed \$37,656.00 and the salary for Town Administrator not to

exceed \$56,000.00. Vote 5-0-0

Article #12 includes line items for the office of the Clerk. A vault door was discussed to be included in this section as it is intended to protect the books which have been reproduced and saved. The cost of a used door is about \$3,000.00. The cost of a new vault door is about \$5,500.00. In both cases \$600.00 would be needed to make the door space larger to accommodate a wheelchair. The average of these prices was taken. Mark Rogers made a motion to appropriate \$4,500.00 for a vault door and add a heat or air exchange upgrade for the vault area not to exceed \$8,500.00. This was seconded and accepted by unanimous vote.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Wednesday March 17 at 7:00 pm in the first conference room of the Old Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy L. Carter, Secretary