

Finance Committee
March 29, 2004

Attending: Todd Abbott, John Carter, Brenda Edgerly, Denise Everest, David Fedrizzi, Paul Verrell

Not Attending: Mark Rogers

Also Attending: David Benton, Fred Fay, Paul Kussmann, Willis Lord

The meeting opened at 7:00 by inviting Fred Fay, who represents the Road Review Committee, to speak about the Warrant articles dealing with the road issues. He requested that the following articles be considered:

#45--Additional ditching in the amount of \$13,000.00 for New Dam Road (S Turn), Chadbourne Ridge Road, Hooper Hill Road and Clarks Bridge Road. The budgeted amount for this year included \$30-,000.00. approval of this article would bring the ditching budget up to \$43,000.00. The Board of Selectmen recommend the \$13,000.00 to come out of the budgeted amount which has already been approved by the Selectmen.

#46--Fred requested and additional \$100,000.00 for overlay paving on the Middle Road, Chadbourne Ridge Road, James Road, Hilltop Lane, and Hooper Hill Road. A currently approved amount of \$125,000.00 under article #39, plus this requested amount would bring the total budgeted amount to \$225,000.00. The Selectmen recommend decreasing the request to \$75,000.00.

#47--New culverts would be purchased for the Silas Brown Road for a requested amount of \$21,000.00. This is part of the grant that is expected. If the grant is awarded, this amount will be refunded in full. The Board of Selectmen recommends that this article pass.

#48--\$12,000.00 for the Chadbourne Ridge Road for additional excavating, ditching and gravel as this is a 'Town Road'. The Board of Selectmen recommends that the \$12,000.00 be taken from the 'roads and bridges' account.

Dave Benton spoke to article #39 requesting \$25,000.00 for crushing of rock is reconsidered. The Selectmen have recommended that this figure be reduced by 50% to \$12,500. David indicated that this amount may not be sufficient to complete the jobs that are likely to arise this year.

The Finance Committee reviewed the full warrant and offers the following recommendations:

Referendum Questions:

1. Ought to pass
2. Ought to pass
3. Ought **not** to pass
4. Ought to pass.

IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THE BALLOTS HAVE BEEN PRINTED WITHOUT TH

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE WISHES TO PLACE NOTICES IN THE REPORTER AND THE SMART SHOPPER WITH THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made and seconded stating that the Finance Committee wishes to challenge the ballots due to inaccurate wording. Vote: 6-0-0

It was further moved that the finance Committee and the Transfer Station Committee send a document to the Selectmen indicating that the figures and their funding sources on the ballot are not accurate. Before this question is voted, this board feels that they should go on record indicating that the wording is incorrect. Regardless of the outcome of the vote on April 23, the suggestion is that a vote be retaken in June with the accurate figures and funding sources.

Vote: 6-0-0.

Article #4: It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that 50% of the Transfer Station fees be carried over to the following year and that the remaining 50% go toward Capital Improvements. It is further recommended that the fines and fees generated by the Library go to the General Fund.

Article #5: Ought to Pass

Article #6: Ought to Pass

Article #7: Ought to Pass

Article #8: Ought to Pass

Article #9: Ought to Pass

Article #10: Ought to Pass

Article #11: Ought to Pass

Article #12: Ought to Pass

Article #13: Ought to Pass

Article #14: Ought to Pass

Article #15: Ought to Pass

Article #16: Ought to Pass

Article #17: Ought to Pass

Article #18-20 No recommendations needed

Article #21: Request for \$45,000.00 for a Town Planner. A motion was made to allocate \$45,000.00 for a Town Planner who would work just for Waterboro. No discussion.

Vote: 6-0-0

Article #22 Ought to Pass

Article #23: Ought to Pass with language change noted in the warrant

Article #24: Ought **Not** to Pass. No discussion. Vote 6-0-0

Article #25: Ought to Pass

Article #26: Ought to Pass

Article #27: Ought to Pass

Article #28: Ought to Pass

Article #29: Ought to Pass

Article #30: Ought to Pass

Article #31: Ought to Pass
Article #32: Ought to Pass
Article #33: No recommendation needed from the Finance Committee
Article #34: Solid Waste Disposal and Maintenance of the Transfer Station Area operating budget of \$507,784.00. It was suggested that these funds be raised as \$407,784.00 from taxation and \$100,000.00 from Transfer Station fees generated the fiscal year 2004/2005. Vote:: 5-1-0
Article #35: Ought **NOT** to Pass. This committee requests that no funds be raised for Capital Improvements
Article #36: Ought to Pass
Article #37: Ought to Pass
Article #38: Ought to Pass
Article #39: Ought to Pass with the reduction noted in "crushing" from \$25,000.00 to \$12,500.00
Article #40: Ought to Pass
Article #41: Ought **NOT** to Pass
Article #42: No recommendation needed from the Finance Committee
Article #43: Ought to Pass
Article #44: Ought to Pass
Article #45: No additional funds be raised. Projects to be funded out of budgeted monies as referenced in Article #39 for \$30,000.00) Vote: 6-0-0
Article #46: Ought to Pass. The Road Block Grant has not yet been appropriated. It is suggested that the grant be applied to this project. Vote: 6-0-0
Article #47: The Town has submitted for a grant of \$33,000.00, which, if successful \$60,000.00 would be returned by the Federal Government to complete the replacement of culverts on Silas Brown Road.
Article #48: It was moved that no additional monies be raised. The Finance Committee concur with the Selectmen's recommendation.
Article #49: Ought to Pass
Article #50: Ought to Pass
Article #51: Ought to Pass
Article #52: Ought to Pass
Article #53: Ought to Pass
Article #54: Ought to Pass
Article #55: Ought to Pass
Article #56: Ought to Pass
Article #57: Ought to Pass

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. No future meeting has been established.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Carter, Secretary