

Minutes of the Finance Committee
Wednesday, February 23, 2005

Attending: Todd Abbott, John Carter, Brenda Edgerly, Duane Fay, Rebekah Higgins, Cindy Moore

Not Attending: David Fedrizzi

Also Attending: Nancy Brandt, Bob Fay, Doug Foglio

Todd opened the Finance Meeting at 6:40 p.m.. The committee reviewed the newly issued warrant. They discussed some questions which will be posed to the Selectmen. It was noted that there are two questions which can be placed as referenda questions. The first will appear as a referenda question #1--Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 from ___ for planning, development and/or construction of a new Waterboro Public Library... #2-- The second is to decide on a Dedicated Sheriff with a money amount of \$61,922.00. The Committee agreed that this should be a question for the referenda.

The following articles were reviewed

Article 7: Revaluation. Moved: Ought Not to Pass without further informatior

Vote: 6-0-0

Article 15: Town Planner. Moved: Finance Committee recommendation \$0.00 funding

Vote: 6-0-0

Article 25: Snowplowing will be removed from this article because the Town has entered into a 3 year contract with Foglio.

Article 27: Star Hill Road matching funds for road upgrade to be shared with the developer in the amount of \$60,000.00. Committee recommends Ought Not to Pass as this will set a precedent for future development.

Vote: 6-0-0

Article 32: Fire Roads. Recommendation: Ought to Pass.

Vote: 6-0-0

Article 33: Saco River Corridor Commission in the amount of \$300.00. Finance Committee recommendation: Ought Not to Pass

Vote: 6-0-0

7:00 The committee met with the Selectmen and the Administrator. After some discussion regarding the Contract Sheriff, it was recommended that this issue be placed on the Referendum. There is no vehicle under discussion at this time as the current cruiser has less than 100,000 miles. It was noted that this amount of \$61,922.00 is the same as last year, however it is not a firm figure as the rank of the sheriff may reduce the amount. The Selectmen will take this recommendation under advisement.

Article 4: Two new additions were made to this article. \$22,000.00 for a Planner and \$5,000.00 for ZBA are suggested for carry over amounts from one fiscal year to the next

Article 5: General Government \$434,572.12.
Recommendation: Ought to Pass

Article 6: Assessing \$66,461.11
Recommendation: Ought to Pass

Article 7 Revaluation \$120,000.00 (\$60,000.00 taxation, \$60,000.00 surplus)
Recommendation: No decision without more information

Article 8: Building equipment and maintenance \$186,263.00
Recommendation: Ought to Pass

Article 9: Insurances \$501,171.00
Recommendation: Ought to Pass Sum sufficient

Article 10: Clerk \$37,425.80
Recommendation: Ought to Pass

Article 11: Code Enforcement \$25,000.00 + fee
Recommendation: It was noted that the Zoning Ordinance requires that all fees are to be used for code and related fields. No further decision.

Article 12: Public Library \$91,068.00 + fee
Recommendation: No information has been forthcoming regarding the salaries for library staff. This will be reviewed for next week. Selectmen recommend \$83,000 + fees

Article 13: Parks and Rec \$71,450.00 + fee
Recommendation: Suggestion to remove the "+ fees". No further decision.

Article 14: Planning Board \$35,698.00 + fee
Recommendation: Per ordinance, all fees are designated to the Planning Board. Selectmen recommend \$28,500 + fees

Article 15: Part Time Town Planner \$15,500.00
Recommendation: Review for next week

Article 16: ZBA \$2,000.00
Recommendation: Selectmen recommend \$2,000.00. Review again for

next week.

Article 17: Lease Payment, Hydrant rental etc. \$415,746.3

Recommendation: Ought to Pass

Article 18: Lease purchase of ambulance from revenues from Rescue Billing up to \$120,000.00

Recommendation: Ought to Pass

Article 19: Ross Corner Fire Department \$19,765.38

Recommendation: Ought to Pass

Article 20: EMA \$4,595.00

Recommendation: EMA director indicated that the trailer is not needed this year. She will adjust her request for \$2,916.00. No change from last year Finance Committee recommends Ought to Pass at \$2,916.00

Article 21: To be withdraw

Article 22: Transfer Station \$692,249.8

Recommendation: No decision. To be discussed further.

Article 23: Total appropriation not indicated

Recommendation: Total figure is needed. It was agreed that each item can be adjusted or eliminated from this article at the Town Meeting, however no line items can be increased.

Article 24: Social Agencies

Recommendation: Further discussion needed.

Article 25: Roads and Bridges \$559,400.00

Snowplow contract and sanding to be removed from this article

Recommendation: To be discussed further

Article 26: Blueberry Road \$12,000.00

Recommendation: Ought Not to Pass

Article 27: Star Hill Road \$60,000.0

Recommendation: Ought Not to Pass

Article 28: Chadbourne Ridge Road \$53,000.00

Recommendation: Ought Not to Pass

Article 29: Hamilton Road \$18,000.00

Recommendation: Ought Not to Pass

Article 30: Emergency Road Maintenance No amount attached
Recommendation: Ought to Pass

Article 31: Boat Launch at Ossipee Lake \$9,000.00
Recommendation: Ought to Pass

Article 32: Fire Roads No amount given
Recommendation: Ought to Pass

Article 33: Saco River Corridor Commission \$300.00
Recommendation: To be discussed

Article 34: Interest charged by the Tax Collector at 7.75%
Recommendation: Ought to Pass

Article 37: Gifts donated to the Town
Recommendation: To be deleted

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the large conference room of the old Town Hall. We expect to meet with the Selectmen again on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Carter, Secretary