

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
7:30PM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
2/16/11

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*	Bayer*	Jenkins*	Phelps	Corredera*
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Gibian*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Ferrara*	Franclemont*	Jones*	Deshler	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Turkall*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Disabilities Commission Chair Jack Jones, Charles Simas, Jeanne Griffin, Town Moderator John Leone

MINUTES of 2/14/11 were approved as revised. Unanimous.

ART 42 REPLACE BRICK ENTRANCE Jones stated that the Disabilities Commission would like to have the brick sidewalk in front of the Senior Center replaced w/ a concrete surface. The Commission thinks brick surfaces are unsafe because they are uneven. He said the cost, after talking w/ John Bean, might be \$2350. He said the Planning Dept was concerned w/ replacing brick because of the esthetic tie to the Town Gardens and suggested discussion w/ Historic District Commission Jones was asked to talk w/ Rademacher & ARB.and then get back to FinCom. This project was not presented to Capital Planning but Foskett said he thought it could be included in the curbcut program.

ART 40 CROSBY LAND: Simas, who lives on Oxford St, has heard that the strip of open space on the Mass Ave side of Crosby School that goes from Oxford St to Winter St will become a parking lot by act of the BoS. He has been unable to get any explanation from the BoS. Simas was advised to call the Director of Planning. Carol Kowalski. FinCom agreed to leave this article to the BoS.

ART 21 CLOSING OF WARRANT: Leone said he was concerned that the BoS was not allowing the warrant to be open for long enough. He proposed a bylaw that would require the warrant to be open until 60 days before the annual election. This year that would be late January. Members expressed concern w/ conducting hearings in a timely manner given the delay in preparing the warrant after it "closes". Leone said he would be satisfied with 75 days or mid January.

ART 22 STANDING VOTES Leone wants to expedite Town Meeting by calling the voice vote 2/3 when there very few no votes. Five members could still object and call for a standing vote.

ART 59 COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS: VOTED to continue to fund the committees and commissions under this article as they were funded last year as listed below.

Unanimous

\$3000 Commission on Disabilities

\$4500 Human Rights Commission

\$2160 Historic Commission

\$5100 Historic District Commissions

A vote on the Recycling Committee awaits a report from Chapdelaine about the possibility of using the white goods revolving fund.

ART 63 Town Celebrations: Voted to fund the celebrations as recommended by the Town Manager and listed below. Unanimous

\$5667 Veterans Day Parade, Memorial Day Celebration, Patriots Day Celebration

\$4500 Placing flags on graves

ART 64 MISCELLANEOUS: The number in the budget book for disability retirement health reimbursements may not have updated. Howard to ask Chapdelaine.

BUD 1 FINCOM Gen Gov SubCom (Howard) recommended reducing expenses to keep budget as same as last year. Members thought desirable to reduce by 3.35% as all appointing authorities were asked to reduce. VOTED \$10,618. Unanimous. Reduction in expenses to be covered by members who don't accept stipend if necessary.

BUD 21 LIBRARY Lib/HumSer SubCom (Franclemont) recommended the budget in the revised (Feb) budget book. Fox will be open 2 days/week paid by Friends of Fox, Robbins will close an additional night each week (total of 2). The increased books & subscriptions may allow Robbins to remain in Minuteman System w/o a waiver. VOTED \$1,804,517 Unanimous

RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE: The FinCom began a discussion of this expense which is controlled by the BoS. Tosti suggested a change from premium payment of 85-15 to 75-25 that would take place over 2 years. This might become a collective bargaining issue. Foskett to ask Town Counsel. The retirees are not a homogeneous group. Many could afford. Perhaps this could affect new retirees only.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE- \$916,740

Peter B Howard 2/18/11

cc FinCom Members, Library File, Town Web Site

VOTE SUMMARY – Articles

# 2/10	#	#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
14			Affordable Housing Requirements	2/9		
15,16			Assisted Lving	2/9		
21			Closing Of Warrant	2/16		
22			Standing Votes	2/16		
23			Snow Shoveling	2/9		
30			Civil Service Exemptions	2/9		
32			GIS Health Reimbursement Accounts	2/9		
33			Antenna Leases renewal	2/9		
34			PAYT Program	2/14		
35			Trash Removal Enforcement	2/14		
36			Transfer of 23 Maple St	2/9		
37			Disposition of 23 Maple St	2/9		
38			Disposition of Parmenter	2/9		
39			Disposition of Crosby	2/9		
40			Crosby School Land	2/16		
42			Bricks Replacement Senior Ctr	2/16		
43			Reserve Fund Policy	2/14	2/14	No action
44			Consolidate Human Resource Dept	2/9		
45			Human Resource Dept Pay Plan	2/9		
54			Collective Bargaining	2/9	2/9	Report @ TM
55			Positons Reclssifications			
56			Budgets			
57			Capital Budget			
58			Sidewalks on MassAve			
59			Sewers	2/9		
60			Water	2/9		
61			Minuteman Tech			
62			Committees & Commissions	2/9	2/16	14760
63			Celebrations	2/9	2/16	10167
64			Misc Appropriations	2/9		
65			Water Bodies			
66			Water Bodies			
67			Pension Adjustment	2/7		
68			OPEB	2/7		
69			Increase COLA Base	2/7		
70			Increase Survivors Benefits	2/7		
71			Local Option Taxes			
72			Tip Fee Stab Fund			
73			Transfer of Cemetery Funds			
74			Overlay Reserve			
75			Stabilization Fund			
76			Free Cash			

VOTE SUMMARY-Budgets

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Amount	Vote Unlisted votes were unanimous
1	FinCom	2/16	2/16	10618	
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				
17g	Street Lights				
18a	Community Safety Admin				
18b	Police				
18c	Fire				
18d	Support				
19	Inspections				
20	Education				
21	Library	2/16	2/16	1804517	
22a	Health & Human Services				
22b	Veterans				
22c	COA				
23	Retirement				
24	Insurance				
25	Reserve Fund				=
W&S EF	Rev Exp				
Rec EF	Rev Exp				
Rnk EF	Rev Exp				
COA EF	Rev Exp				
Youth EF	Rev Exp				