

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
7:30PM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING  
4/13/11

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: Deputy Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine, Joe Boike, Michelle Durocher  
Minutes of 4/11, 4/4 & 3/30 approved as corrected. Howard to send 4/11 to Foskett for review of Capital Budget discussion.

HOUSE BUDGET: Tosti reported that the House Budget has almost the same local aid as the Governor's. Arlington would lose \$25k in a police incentive program and have higher choice student reimbursement. Senate expected to agree. (Ref 1)

BUDGET BALANCING: After totaling all expenses voted so far and the latest revenue estimates, Chapdelaine computed a surplus of \$397,711. He proposed several give backs that would not involve salaries, would be shared proportionately with the schools and would be spread across the Manager's budgets (Ref 2) The FinCom voted to endorse his plan with some changes.

VOTED to transfer \$200k from the Reserve Fund to the Snow & Ice deficit thus making \$200k available for. Unanimous. The Deputy Town Manager does not expect to need Reserve Fund monies to cover the FY11 end-of-year department overruns.

VOTED to increase the Reserve Fund by \$50k with the understanding that these monies are intended to compensate the Planning Dept and Human Services Dept if the US Congress cuts CDBG.

VOTED to increase highway materials for road and sidewalk work by \$31,119.

Unanimous. This figure was chosen to match the bottom line.

VOTED to increase Police personnel services by \$52,636 to avoid laying off a recruit about to graduate from the academy. Unanimous.

VOTED to increase Fire Department overtime by \$20k Unanimous

VOTED to fund the mosquito control program with \$4k to the Health Dept for chemicals and \$5k to DPW for highway overtime.

VOTED to increase the Education budget by \$224k. Unanimous

VOTED \$10,934 to AYCC to bring the Town funding to \$100k.

TRANSFERS: VOTED to transfer \$73,045.23 to Town Clerk to pay for Rainville's retirement buyout (Ref 3). Unanimous

Ref 1 State House News Service 4/13

Ref 2 Budget Crosswalk Addback Scenarios.

Ref 3 Town Clerk Transfer Request

COMMITTEE All members to check their budgets as printed in Jones' draft. Input needed by Wed. Will go the printer on Friday. Also provide notes on these budgets for Tosti's use at Town Meeting.

Reorganization Meeting to be held in June. The Tostis will be traveling in the Fall.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE:  $801,454.49 - 200,000 - 73,045.23 = 528,409.26$

Peter Howard 4/18/11 Revised 4.25/11

cc FinCom Members, Library File, Town Web Site

VOTE SUMMARY – Articles

# 2/10	#	#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
21			Closing Of Warrant	2/16	4/11	No report
22			Standing Votes	2/16	4/11	No report
23			Snow Shoveling	2/9		
30			Civil Service Exemptions	2/9		
31			GIC	2/9	3/30	Will report
32			GIS Health Reimbursement Accounts	2/9,2/23	3/30	Support
33			Antenna Leases Renewal	2/9		
34			PAYT Program	2/14	4/11	Will report
35			Trash Removal Enforcement	2/14	4/11	Will report
36			Transfer of 23 Maple St	2/9	4/4	No action 14-4
37			Disposition of 23 Maple St	2/9	4/4	No action 15-3
38			Disposition of Parmenter	2/9 4/4	e/4	Support BoS 14-3
39			Disposition of Crosby	2/9 4/4		Support BoS 13-3-1
40			Crosby School Land	2/16		
41			Brick Curb Cut Policy	2/16	4/4	No report
42			Bricks Replacement Senior Ctr	2/16	4/4	No report
43			Reserve Fund Policy	2/14	2/14	No action
44			Consolidate Human Resource Dept	2/9,3/14	3/30	Support
45			Human Resource Dept Pay Plan	2/9	3/30	No action
46			Financial Report	3/14	3/30	No action
47			Budget Submissions	3/14	3/30	Support
48			Budget Bylaw	3/14	3/30	No action
49			Economic Advisory Group	3/14	3/30	No action
50			Extend ReOrg Committee	3/14	3/30	Support
51			Consolidation Finance Depts	3/2	3/30	Support 9-7
54			Collective Bargaining	2/9	2/9	Will report
55			Positons Reclassifications	3/28	3/28	\$6898
57			Capital Budget	2/28	2/28	\$8,448,540
58			Sidewalks on MassAve	3/14	3/14	No action
59			Sewers	2/9	3/30 4/11	\$1,300,000
60			Water	2/9	3/30	\$700,000
61			Minuteman Tech	3/23	3/23	\$2,352,988
62			Committees & Commissions	2/9	2/16,3/30	\$14,760
63			Celebrations	2/9	2/16	\$10,167
64			Misc Approp-Indemnity, OOS Travel	2/9	3/2 3/30	\$9,540+\$1,500
65			Water Bodies	2/23	2/23	No action
66			Water Bodies	2/23	2/23	\$20,000
67			Pension Adjustment	2/7 3/28	3/28	Approve
68			OPEB	2/7 3/30	3/30	\$389,428
69			Increase COLA Base	2/7 3/28	3/28	No action 16-1
70			Increase Survivors Benefits	2/7 3/30	4/11	Favorable action
71			Local Option Taxes	3/14	3/14	No action
72			Tip Fee Stab Fund	3/14	3/14	\$450,000
73			Transfer of Cemetery Funds	3/30	3/30	\$150,000
74			Overlay Reserve	3/14	3/14	\$200,000
75			Stabilization Fund	3/14	3/30	No action
76			Free Cash	3/14	3/14	\$385,249
STM2			Amendments to FY11 budget	3/21	4/11	\$118,357=+Rev=+Exp
STM3			AHS Repair	3/16,21	4/11	\$92,000
STM4			Stratton School Capital Budget	4/4	4/11	No action
STM5			Thompson School Capital Budget	4/4	4/4	\$20,000,000
STM6			Unpaid bills from previous years	3/16	4/4	\$4,207
STM7			Mass Ave Sidewalks	4/11	4/11	No report

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	3/14	3/14	341378	
3	Town Manager	2/23	2/23	399995	
4	Personnel	3/28	3/28 4/11	209372	13-3
5	Information Technology	4/11	4/11	511484	
6	Comptroller	2/23	2/23	388576	
7	Treasurer	3/9,21	3/21	558985	
8	Postage	3/21	3/21	156848	
9	Assessors	2/28	2/28	295315	
10	Legal	2/23	2/23	409219	
11	Town Clerk	3/9	4/11	223588	
12	Registrar of Voters	3/21	3/21	57863	
13	Parking	3/21	3/21	106460	
14	Planning	2/28	3/2 4/11,4/13	220421	
15	Redevelopment Board	3/23	3/23	270539	
16	Zoning Board of Appeals	3/2	3/2	18084	
17	Public Works	3/23	3/23 4/11 4/13	10063916	Cemetery 11-2
18a	Community Safety Admin	3/9	3/9	389059	
18b	Police	3/9	3/9 4/13	5538048	
18c	Fire	3/2	3/2 4/13	5302657	
18d	Support	3/9	3/9	718214	
19	Inspections	3/28	3/28	367242	
20	Education	3/16	3/21 4/13	38740006	
21	Library	2/16	2/16	1804517	
22a	Health & Human Services	3/9	3/28 4/13	263329	
22b	Veterans	3/9	3/28	326585	
22c	COA	3/9	3/28	160280	
23	Retirement	3/21	3/21	7329440	
24	Insurance	3/2,3/9	3/9	19986646	
25	Reserve Fund	3/30	3/30 4/13	650000	10-5
W&S EF	Rev 17579732 Exp 17579732	3/28	3/28		16-1
Rec EF	Rev 542500 Exp 528351	3/28	3/28		
Rnk EF	Rev 543800 Exp 538736	3/28	3/28		
COA EF	Rev 98050 Exp 96418.	3/9	3/28		
Youth EF	Rev 437566 Exp 434923	3/9,3/28	3/28 4/13	100000	

## HOUSE PANEL OKAYS \$30.45 BIL BUDGET WITH HEALTH REFORMS, LOCAL AID CUT

By Kyle Cheney  
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, APRIL 13, 2011.....Cities and towns would receive the unilateral authority to raise health care co-payments and deductibles for their workers, and Gov. Deval Patrick's signature life science tax credit program would be capped under a \$30.45 billion annual spending plan approved by the House budget committee on Wednesday and marked for debate later this month.

The spending plan, the House's first stab at closing a \$1.9 billion gap between spending priorities and available revenues, would boost education aid to cities and towns to \$3.99 billion, a 3.1 percent increase, and reduce unrestricted aid to cities and towns by \$65 million, a 7 percent cut, leaving the total at \$833 million. Those changes mirror the local aid levels proposed by Gov. Deval Patrick in January.

Senate President Therese Murray told the News Service Wednesday morning that the Senate anticipates endorsing those levels of local aid during a Thursday debate on a non-binding resolution.

The House Ways and Means budget also supports the governor's plan to increase special education funding by \$80 million to \$213 million. The bill also draws about \$200 million from the state's rainy day fund, a similar draw to the governor's proposal.

"Although Massachusetts has fared better than other states during the recession, this year's budget gap forced us to make difficult choices to ensure that we met our constitutional requirement to balance the budget," House budget chief Brian Dempsey wrote in a letter to lawmakers. "As the economy slowly recovers, the committee has strived to address the commonwealth's fiscal challenges while balancing our commitments to education, job retention and assisting those in need."

The Ways and Means proposal, an answer to the \$30.5 billion budget that Patrick offered in January, scrapped several of the governor's

plans to raise additional revenue, such as through expanding the state's bottle recycling program to include non-carbonated beverages.

In his letter, Dempsey said that the budget would include "no new taxes or gimmicks that would place any additional burden on taxpayers."

Rep. Viriato deMacedo (R-Plymouth), the ranking Republican on Ways and Means, opted against voting for or against the budget at an 11:45 a.m. committee meeting because he was just seeing the massive bill for the first time. Many committee members flipped through the bill with great interest during the few minutes before Dempsey gavelled the meeting to order and the panel approved the bill on a voice vote.

"Generally, the numbers are a little bit less than the governor's numbers," said deMacedo, adding that Republicans have questions about whether the Patrick administration can shave hundreds of millions of dollars off projected state government health care spending.

While rebounding, tax collections for fiscal 2012, deMacedo said, are still lower than collections in fiscal 2009. "It's a tight budget," he said. "The revenues aren't there."

The committee budget would allow cities and towns to change co-pays and deductibles and other health benefits for their workers without unions at the table. The proposal adopts a union proposal that would share a portion of the savings with municipal employees in the first year of the plan, but permits public employees to share 10 percent of the total savings, far less than the 50 percent they had sought.

**Budget Crosswalk - Addbacks Scenario 1**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount Change</b>	<b>Description</b>
Finance Committee		-
Selectmen		
Town Manager		
Personnel		
Comptroller		
Treasurer - Collector		
Postage		
Board of Assessors		
Information Technology		
Legal		
Town Clerk		
Registrars		
Parking		
Planning & Community Devel.	\$20,000	Increase Personnel Services by \$20,000 to serve as reserve to protect against staffing impacts caused by cuts to CDBG.
Redevelopment Board		
Zoning Board of Appeals		
Public Works	\$27,051	Increase in Highway Materials (\$22,051) - Aid in Road and Sidewalk Maint., Increase Highway OT by \$5,000 for Mosquito Control work
Street Lighting		
Community Safety Administration		
Police		
Fire		
Support Services		
Inspectional Services		
Libraries		
Health and Human Services	\$34,000	Increase in Board of Health Expenses by \$30,000 to create a reserve for cuts in CDBG that would impact services provided via COA Transportation Fund. Add \$4,000 to Health Expenses for Mosquito Control
Veterans Services		
Council on Aging		
Reserve Fund		
Education	\$105,726	
AYCC	\$10,934	Increase General Fund Subsidy
<b>Total Change</b>	<b>\$197,711</b>	

**Budget Crosswalk - Addbacks Scenario 2**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount Change</b>	<b>Description</b>
Finance Committee		-
Selectmen		
Town Manager		
Personnel		
Comptroller		
Treasurer - Collector		
Postage		
Board of Assessors		
Information Technology		
Legal		
Town Clerk		
Registrars		
Parking		
Planning & Community Devel.	\$20,000	Increase Personnel Services by \$20,000 to serve as reserve to protect against staffing impacts caused by cuts to CDBG.
Redevelopment Board		
Zoning Board of Appeals		
Public Works	\$36,141	Increase in Highway Materials (\$31,141) - Aid in Road and Sidewalk Maint., Increase Highway OT by \$5,000 for Mosquito Control work.
Street Lighting		
Community Safety Administration		
Police	\$52,636	Increase Personnel Services to fund one additional patrol officer.
Fire	\$20,000	Increase Fire Department Overtime.
Support Services		
Inspectional Services		
Libraries		
Health and Human Services	\$34,000	Increase in Board of Health Expenses by \$30,000 to create a reserve for cuts in CDBG that would impact services provided via COA Transportation Fund. Add \$4,000 to Health Expenses for Mosquito Control.
Veterans Services		
Council on Aging		
Reserve Fund		
Education	\$224,000	
AYCC	\$10,934	Increase General Fund Subsidy
<b>Total Change</b>	<b>\$397,711</b>	



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April 12, 2011

Mr. Allan Tosti, Chairman  
Finance Committee  
38 Teel Street  
Arlington, MA 02474

Re: Budget Transfer

Dear Mr. Tosti:

I am requesting a transfer in the amount of \$75,000 (based on the figures supplied to me by the Human Resources Department) for Corinne M. Rainville's buyout.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly yours,  
Town Clerk's Office

*Stephanie L. Lucarelli*

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