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Meeting Minutes 03/07/2007

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 3/7/07

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan	Fey*	Dunn*	O'Neill*	Mahoney
DeCoursey*	Connors	Simmons*	Bayer*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Ferrara*	Franclemont*	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Kneeland*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: COA President Bob Tosi, COA Board Harry McCabe, COA Exec Sect John Jope, 200th Anniversary Committee members Roly Chaput (Cochair), Pam Meister (Cochair). Kim Haase, George Arena; Gordon Jamieson

MINUTES of 3/5/07 accepted as amended. Unanimous.

ART 62 HARRY BARBER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM: Jope said 5 positions have been filled; 4 more are being considered. Positions are in a variety of departments. Elders are paid the minimum wage to a max of \$750. In FY 07 the Town funded 10 positions. Jope requested the same again. VOTED \$7,500 under the warrant article. Unanimous.

ART 63 MINUTEMAN SENIOR SERVICES: Using a handout, Tosi requested that Arlington pay a share in this organization which is funded mostly by the state but also by contributions from the 16 communities in which it works. The handout contained numerous details about the organizations & its services which Arlington uses. VOTED \$9,818, the suggested contribution. 15-2

BUD 5 COMPTRROLLER: Finances SubCom (Dunn), using a handout, which details some reductions including from 1.8 to 1.3 FTE telephone operators. The FY08 budget adjusted for COLAs increases 2.55%. The creation of a separate IT department is not considered in this budget. VOTED \$830,407 Unanimous.

ART 59 200th ANNIVESARY COMMITTEE: Chaput provided & explained a table listing funds raised & spent by the committee together with upcoming expenses. Any funds left at the end of the year will be saved for use in the next public celebration. A motion to appropriate a nominal \$1,000 was defeated 3-12. VOTED \$6,200 as requested 13-4

ART 47 MINUTEMAN TECH: The 13% increase in assessment exceeds the 5 yr plan. A discussion of what options exist for getting out of the Minuteman district was held. Agreement from the other communities must be unanimous. Getting the state to support the school as originally promised does not seem likely. Reduction in the variety of offerings might help. VOTED \$3,276,622, the preliminary estimate, 12-5

BUD 17a COMMUNITY SAFETY ADMIN: Public Safety SubCom (Simmons) recommended the budget as printed. VOTED \$343,148. Unanimous.

BUD 17b COMMUNITY SAFETY POLICE: Public Safety SubCom (Simmons) noted that the department is carrying 4 vacancies at the present time. The AHS resource officer, funded in part by AHS, is helping deal with our drug problem. Vacant positions fund resulting overtime requirements. A discussion of inadequate overtime budgets in several departments, including police, followed. The union contract prevents officers from working excessive hours which might lead to poor performance. A motion to increase the overtime budget to \$450k was defeated 0-17. VOTED \$5,289,617 as printed. Unanimous.

ART 18 INSPECTIONS: Public Safety SubCom (Simmons) recommended the budget as printed. Permit fees are

set by state law. Symmes may require additional inspectors. VOTED \$328,342. Unanimous.
 COMMITTEE: Agendas: Liberty Ride 3/12 Capital Plan 3/12 Human Services 3/12, Town Manager articles 3/14
 Health Insurance 3/14, School Infrastructure 3/21, Education Budget 4/4.
 RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$350,000
 Peter B Howard Secretary 3/8/07 Revised 3/12/07
 cc FinCom Members, Selectmen, Town Manager, Comptroller, Library File, Town Web Site FinCom Web Site

VOTE SUMMARY-Budgets

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Amount	Vote Unlisted votes were unanimous
1	FinCom	2/26	2/26	\$10,778	15-1
2	Board of Selectmen	2/26	2/26	\$343,723	
3	Town Manager	2/26	2/26	\$432,326	
4	Personnel				
5	Comptroller	3/7	3/7	\$830,407	
6	Treasurer	3/5	3/5	\$552,840	13-0-1
7	Postage	3/5	3/5	\$135,160	13-0-1
8	Assessors	2/26	2/26	\$286,221	
9	Legal	2/26			
10	Town Clerk	2/26	2/26	\$221,957	
11	Registrar of Voters	2/26	2/26	\$61,787	15-1
12	Parking	3/5	3/5	\$90,766	13-0-1
13	Planning	2/26	2/26	\$208,782	
14	Redevelopment Board	2/26	2/26	\$480,777	
15	Zoning Board of Appeals	2/28	2/28	\$22,296	
16	Public Works				
17a	Community Safety Admin	3/7	3/7	\$343,148	
17b	Police	3/7	3/7	\$5,289,617	
18	Inspections	3/7	3/7	\$328,342	
19	Education				
20	Library	2/26	2/28	\$1,811,090	
21	Health & Human Services				
22	Retirement	2/28	2/28	\$6,706,719	
23	Insurance				
	Workmans Comp	2/28	2/28	\$490,000	
	Unemployment	2/28	2/28	\$100,000	
	Liability	2/28	2/28	\$300,000	
24	Reserve Fund	2/28	2/28	\$400,000	
	W&S				
	Rec				
	Rnk				
	COA				

VO22TE SUMMARY – Articles

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Result Unlisted votes were unanimous
18	Data Processing Department Transfer	2/21	2/21	Jones to draft vote
26	Pension Funding	2/21	2/21	No action
27	Health Care Trust Funds	2/5	2/21	No action
39	Collective Bargaining			
40	Future Collective Bargaining			
41	Salary Adjustments/Elected officials			
42	Carbon Bank	2/5		No report
43	Energy manager	2/5		Carman – Belmont plan Howard-Vision 2020
36	SPED Fund			
45	Capital Budget			
47	Minuteman Tech	3/5	3/7	\$3,276,622 12-5
48	Town Celebrations			
49	Committees & Commissions			
50	Miscellaneous			
51	George St Sidewalk	2/21		Need more info
52	School Facilities Working Group			
53	Sewers			
54	Water			
56	Pension Adjustments	2/21	2/21	Favorable action
57	Transfer Retiree Health Care Funds	2/21		Tosti to draft vote
59	200 th Anniversary Committee	2/21	3/7	\$6200 13-4
61	Town & School Budgets	2/5		Finances Sub to investigate
62	Harry Barber Program	3/7	3/7	\$7,500
63	Minuteman Senior Services	3/7	3/7	\$9,818 15-2
64	Revaluation	2/21	2/21	\$325,000
65	Tip Fee Stab Fund			
66	Cemetery			
67	Overlay Reserve			
68	Stabilization Fund			
69	Free Cash			
72	W&S Health Insurance Offsets	2/5		Finances Sub to investigate

