



THE TOWN OF
HUBBARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes – 17 March 2010

- Meeting convened at 6:48pm
- Present: Dave Simmerer, Peter Carmosino, Ed Blanchard, Jamie Pitney
- No open meeting business
- Reorganization of committee:
 - Normally done at 1st of year (Ed/chairman was in Florida around 1/1/10).
 - Motion by Jamie Pitney to postpone till after election so as to organize when the committee is fully staffed.
 - Second by Peter Carmosino
 - Voted 4-0 in favor. Motion adopted.
- Budget Discussion:
 - Incentives tabled for now.
 - Re-submit request warrant for annual town meeting for combining targeted stabilization accounts.
 - Monty Tech budget in QRHS budget. Due 4/1. Expected overall 2.9% increase.
- Reserve Fund Transfers:
 - Highway Department request:
 - Motion by Dave Simmerer to allow deficit spending by an additional \$4,704.77 in winter materials spending.
 - Second by Peter Carmosino.
 - Voted 4-0 in favor. Reserve Fund Transfer approved.
 - Motion by Dave Simmerer to increase outside winter wages by \$1,000 as per requested by Highway Department head.
 - Second by Peter Carmosino.
 - Voted 4-0 in favor. Reserve Fund Transfer approved.
 - Assessor's Office Expense Request:
 - Monitor and power supply and new printer.
 - Tabled pending additional research by Ed Blanchard on funding from another account versus reserves funds.
 - Town Administrator's Request:
 - Motion by Dave Simmerer to approve Town Administrator request for additional funds needed for materials and labor related to the installation of the new phone system. \$1,000.
 - Second by Peter Carmosino.
 - Voted 4-0 in favor. Reserve Fund Transfer approved.

- Motion by Jamie Pitney to approve reserve funds transfer request of \$10,000 to the Legal account for additional legal services above and beyond anticipated in budget.
 - Second by Peter Carmosino.
 - Voted 4-0 in favor. Reserve Fund Transfer approved.
- FINCOM Response to Fire Chief Situation
 - Fire Chief invited to BoS meeting on 3/24 to resolve situation. Meeting could be in open or closed session.
 - Motion by Dave Simmerer for Ed Blanchard to draft and send a letter to the BoS expressing support to resolve the fire chief situation as soon as possible.
 - Second by Peter Carmosino.
 - Voted 4-0 in favor. Motion passes.
- Town Employee Contracts:
 - Agreed that no advisory opinion would be sent to the BoS.
- State Funded Programs:
 - Community Preservation Act: continues on unless town vote not to continue.
 - State currently down to 29% match.
 - List of use of CPA funds to use on whether to continue? Ed Blanchard to investigate.
 - Quinn Bill:
 - Police collective bargaining agreement (CBA) contractually obligated
 - Possible legislation by Governor Patrick to protect communities not bounded by contract language
 - Bill recently amended to exclude any new officers
- Other Issues:
 - Has Fire Department billing issues been corrected? Per Deb – Yes.
 - Personal Property Tax Deduction:
 - Currently at \$5,000
 - Ability to rise to \$10,000? Farming exclusion?
 - Ed to investigate.
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- Next Meeting: 4/5 at 6pm.
- Motion by Jamie to adjourn. Second by Peter. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Pitney – Finance Committee Secretary

Approved: 5/12/2010