

**Finance Committee/Capital Committee Meeting
March 25, 2014
Butterick Building, Room 205**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

In Attendance - Finance Committee: Bob Brown, Joe Sova, Jerry Kokernak, Mary Cliett, Ed Sweet, Cynthia Secord

In Attendance - Capital Committee: Bob Brown, Joe Sova, Jerry Kokernak, Michael Murphy, Mary Cliett

Also in attendance was Town Administrator Jeff Ritter.

Business

Maureen Cranson, representing the Senior Center Building and Design Committee, attended the meeting to request the committees' support for a new Senior Center, to be voted on at the annual town meeting.

Discussion of Warrant Articles

Article 1-Compensation of Elected Officials

Mary Cliett moved to support this article, seconded by Joe Sova. All in favor.

Article 2 - Authorize Treasurer to Borrow Money

Joe Sova moved to support the article, Mary Cliett seconded. All in favor.

Article 3-Compensating Balance Agreements

Mary Cliett moved to support the article. Cynthia Secord seconded. All in favor.

Article 4 - Chapter 90 Funding

Finance Committee vote - Ed Sweet moved to accept payment, seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All in favor.

Capital Committee vote - Jerry Kokernak moved to accept payment, seconded by Mike Murphy. All in favor.

Article 5 - Fund Senior Center

A motion was made by Joe Sova to support the article and recommend to borrow up to \$2.710.000 for the project, and be exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2-1/2. The motion was seconded by Mary Cliett. All in favor.

Article 6- Amend Personnel Bylaws

No action

Article 7- Amend Personnel Classification and Compensation Plans

No action

Article 8 - FY15 Town Operating Budget

Ed Sweet made a motion to support a budget of \$9,621,796, representing a 2.7% increase. Joe Sova seconded the motion, all in favor.

Article 9 - Water Department Operations - Enterprise Fund

Mary Cliett made a motion in support, seconded by Cindy Secord. All in favor.

Article 10 - WRSD Net Minimum Contribution

Mary Cliett made a motion in support of a net minimum contribution of \$8,988,885. Ed Sweet seconded the motion. All in favor.

Article 11 - WRSD Above Net Minimum Contribution

Joe Sova made a motion in support of an above net minimum contribution of \$1,164.684. Jerry Kokernak seconded. All in favor.

Article 12 - Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School Assessment

Finance Committee - a motion to raise and appropriate \$700,962 was made by Mary Cliett, seconded by Ed Sweet. All in favor.

Capital Committee - a motion to approve \$12,987 was made by Mike Murphy and seconded by Mary Cliett. All in favor.

Article 13 - Town Reserve Fund for FY15

Ed Sweet moved in support of the article, seconded by Joe Sova. All in favor.

Article 14 - 1835 Town Hall Maintenance

Cynthia Secord made a motion in support of the article, seconded by Joe Sova. Mary Cliett and Bob Brown voted aye. Ed Sweet and Jerry Kokernak voted nay. The motion carried.

Article 15 - New Vehicle for the Police Chief

A motion was made by Jerry Kokernak not to support the article, seconded by Ed Sweet. All in favor.

Article 16 - Repair Police Station Roof

A motion to support the article was made by Joe Sova, seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All in favor.

Article 17 - Repair Fire Station Roof

A motion to support the article was made by Joe Sova, seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All in favor.

Article 18 - Fund Various Capital Items

Finance Committee - Joe Sova made a motion to raise and appropriate, not transfer the amounts, seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All in favor.

Article 19 - Replace 6-wheel Dump Truck #24

Capital Committee - Mike Murphy made a motion to support the article, seconded by Bob Brown. All in favor.

Finance Committee - Mary Cliett made a motion to support the article, seconded by Cynthia Secord. All in favor.

Article 20 – Rehabilitate 1984 Motor Grader

Joe Sova made a motion in support of the article, seconded by Bob Brown. All in favor.

Article 21 - Ultraviolet Disinfection Upgrade

Mary Cliett made a motion in support of the article, seconded by Joe Sova. All in favor.

Article 22 - AMI Water Meter Upgrades

Mary Cliett made a motion to support the article, seconded by Cynthia Secord. All in favor.

Article 23 - Return Funds to Water Enterprise Retained Earnings

Mary Cliett made a motion to support the article, seconded by Joe Sova. All in favor.

Article 24 - Under Review

Article - Fund Principal and Interest for 2004 Fire Truck

Capital Committee - Mary Cliett made a motion to support the article, seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All in favor.

Finance Committee - Mary Cliett made a motion to support the article, seconded by Ed Sweet. All in favor.

Article - Fund Lease-Purchase Payment for 2010 Pumper Tanker

Capital Committee - Mike Murphy made a motion in support of the article, seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All in favor.

Finance Committee - Ed Sweet made a motion in support of the article, seconded by Joe Sova. All in favor.

Article - Ambulance (old) - Fund Lease-Purchase Payment

Capital Committee - Mike Murphy made a motion to support the article, seconded by Joe Sova. All in favor.

Finance Committee - Joe Sova made a motion in support of the article, seconded by Mary Cliett. All in favor.

Article - Ambulance (new) - Fund Principal and Interest

Capital Committee - Mike Murphy made a motion in support of the article, seconded by Mary Cliett. All in favor.

Finance Committee - Joe Sova made a motion in support of the article, Cynthia Secord seconded. All in favor.

Article - Fire Department 4x4 Utility Vehicle Replacement

Joe Sova made a motion to withhold support of this article, seconded by Ed Sweet. Bob Brown, Mary Cliett and Cynthia Secord also voted to deny support. Jerry Kokernak abstained due to conflict of interest.

Article - Fire Truck Replacement

Joe Sova made a motion in support of the article, with a five-year bond and debt excluded from a Proposition 2-1/2 limit. Mary Cliett seconded the motion. All in favor.

Article 30 - Has Been Tabled

Article – Fire Department Engine 2 Refurbishment for \$590,000

Joe Sova made a motion in support of the article, seconded by Mary Cliett. Bob Brown, Ed Sweet and Cynthia Secord voted in favor. Jerry Kokernak abstained due to conflict of interest.

Article - Fire Department Firefighter Protective Clothing

Finance Committee - Joe Sova made a motion to support the article, seconded by Mary Cliett. All in favor.

Capital Committee - Jerry Kokernak made a motion to support the article, seconded by Bob Brown. All in favor.

Article -Federal Fire Act Grant 5% Match

Joe Sova made a motion to support this article, seconded by Mary Cliett. All in favor.

Article - Fairground Land Purchase

Joe Sova made a motion to withhold support of this article, seconded by Ed Sweet. All in favor.

Article - OSIC

Joe Sova made a motion in support of this article, seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All in favor.

Article - Fund Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycle Center

Jerry Kokernak made a motion in support of this article, seconded by Ed Sweet. All in favor.

Article - Fund Sterling Land Trust Expenses

Joe Sova made a motion in support of this article, seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All in favor.

Article - Fund Wachusett Greenways Expenses

Jerry Kokernak made a motion in support of this article, seconded by Joe Sova. All in favor.

Article - Create 1835 Town Hall Committee

A motion to take no action on this article was made by Mary Cliett, seconded by Cynthia Secord. All in favor.

Article - Revolving accounts

Mary Cliett made a motion in support of this article, seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All in favor.

Article - Amend Animal Control Bylaw - License Fees

A motion to defer on this article was made by Mary Cliett, seconded by Ed Sweet. All in favor.

Article - Amend Animal Control Bylaw - Impoundment

A motion to defer on this article was made by Mary Cliett, seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All in favor.

Article - Sholan Park

A motion to defer on this article was made by Ed Sweet, seconded by Joe Sova. All in favor.

Article - Permits and Passes

A motion to defer on this article was made by Mary Cliett, seconded by Ed Sweet. All in favor.

Article - OPEB

A motion to support this article and raise and appropriate \$10,000 was made by Mary Cliett, seconded by Jerry Kokernak. Bob Brown, Ed Sweet and Cynthia Secord were in favor. Joe Sova was opposed. The motion carried.

Article -Mullin Rule

A motion to defer on this article was made by Mary Cliett, seconded by Joe Sova. All in favor.

Article - Eliminate Saturday Voter Registration

A motion to support this article was made by Joe Sova and seconded by Mary Cliett. All in favor.

Article - Deadline

A motion to defer on this article was made by Joe Sova and seconded by Mary Cliett. All in favor.

Article - Citizens Petition

A motion to defer on this article was made by Mary Cliett and seconded by Joe Sova. All in

Article - 1835 Town Hall Committee

A motion to defer on this article was made by Joe Sova and seconded by Ed Sweet. All in favor.

Reserve Fund Transfer

A Reserve Fund Transfer request was submitted by Facilities Manager Tom Rutherford, for a replacement of a failed air conditioner in the computer room at the Police Department. He obtained a written quote for \$4,875.00. Finance Committee - Jerry Kokernak made a motion to approve the amount for transfer. It was seconded by Joe Sova. Capital Committee - Mike Murphy moved to approve the transfer and it was seconded by Mary Cliett. All in favor.

Adjourn

Ed Sweet made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mary Cliett. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.