

Joint Finance Committee/Capital Committee Meeting
April 7, 2015
Butterick Building, Room 205

Finance Committee Chairman Bob Brown and Capital Committee Chairman Joe Sova called the joint meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

In Attendance:

Finance Committee - Bob Brown, Joe Sova, Jerry Kokernak, Barbara Bartlett, Ed Sweet and Cynthia Secord

Absent - Mary Cliett

Capital Committee - Joe Sova, Bob Brown, Jerry Kokernak and Arden Sonnenberg

Absent - Mary Cliett, Michael Murphy and Scott Moroney

Also present was Town Administrator Michael Szlosek.

Approve Minutes of Prior Meetings:

A motion to approve the minutes of the Capital Committee meeting on February 17, 2015 was made by Jerry Kokernak and seconded by Bob Brown. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion to approve minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on March 24, 2015 was made by Ed Sweet, seconded by Cynthia Secord, with all in favor.

A motion to approve minutes of the March 31, 2015 meeting was made by Joe Sova and seconded by Bob Brown. Cynthia Secord, Jerry Kokernak and Barbara Bartlett were in favor, with Ed Sweet abstaining as he was absent from the meeting. The motion carried.

Discuss, Review and Vote Finance Committee and Capital Committee

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES:

Article 1. Transfer Free Cash to Capital Fund

Jerry Kokernak made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$114,242.00 out of Capital in support of this article. The motion was seconded by Arden Sonnenberg, with all in favor.

For the Finance Committee, Jerry Kokernak made a motion to recommend approval of this article, seconded by Barbara Bartlett, with all in favor.

Article 2. Transfer Free Cash to Stabilization Fund

Joe Sova made a motion to recommend approval of this article. It was seconded by Cynthia Secord and all were in favor.

Article 3. Fund Deficit due to Snow and Ice

Jerry Kokernak made a motion to recommend approval of this article; seconded by Ed Sweet with all in favor.

Article 4. Bills From Prior Fiscal Years

No vote was taken on this article.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 1. FY16 Town Operating Budget

A motion to recommend passage of this article was made by Ed Sweet and seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All were in favor and the motion carried. The Finance Committee will report at Town Meeting on this article.

Article 2. Compensation for Elected Officers

In an amended vote, Joe Sova made a motion to recommend passage of this article. It was seconded by Ed Sweet, with all in favor.

Article 3. Set Salary of Municipal Light Board

Jerry Kokernak made a motion to support this article. Barbara Bartlett seconded and all were in favor.

Article 4. Reserve Fund for FY16

Barbara Bartlett made a motion to support this article. It was seconded by Joe Sova and all were in favor.

Article 5. WRSD Net Minimum Contribution, Debt and Interest

A motion to recommend passage of this article was made by Joe Sova and seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Article 6. WRSD ABOVE Net Minimum Contribution

Joe Sova made a motion to recommend passage of this article. Ed Sweet seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Article 7. Montachusett Regional Vocational School Assessment

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Barbara Bartlett made a motion in support of this article, seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All were in favor and the motion carried.

On behalf of the Capital Committee, Arden Sonnenberg made a motion to support funding the sum of \$13,227.00, for use as noted in the article. It was seconded by Jerry Kokernak, with Bob Brown and Joe Sova also in favor. The motion carried.

Article 8. Amend Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan

The Committees are taking no action on this article.

Article 9. Water Dept. Operation Enterprise Fund

Barbara Bartlett moved to support this article. It was seconded by Joe Sova. All in favor, the motion carried.

Article 10. Transfer from Window to Painting for 1835 Town Hall

Jerry Kokernak made a motion to recommend passage of the article. It was seconded by Barbara Bartlett. All in favor and the motion carried.

Article 11. New Vehicle for the Police Chief

Joe Sova made a motion to recommend passage of this article. It was seconded by Jerry Kokernak and all were in favor.

Article 12. Fund Loader - DPW

No vote taken.

Article 13. Fund Landfill Monitoring

Joe Sova made a motion to recommend support for this article. It was seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All were in favor.

Article 14. Water Tank Rehab: Osgood Road Tank

Jerry Kokernak made a motion to support this article, Barbara Bartlett seconded and all were in favor.

Article 15. Solar Facility PILOT Agreement

The Finance Committee defers on this article.

Article 16. Chapter 90 Funding

Jerry Kokernak made a motion to support this article. It was seconded by Cynthia Secord. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Article 17. Fire Department 4x4 Utility Vehicle Replacement

Joe Sova made a motion to support this article. Cynthia Secord seconded. Bob Brown and Barbara Bartlett were in favor, with Ed Sweet opposed and Jerry Kokernak abstaining. The motion carried, with four members in favor.

Article 18. Federal Fire Act Grant 5% Match

Ed Sweet made a motion to recommend passage of this article. It was seconded by Cynthia Secord, with Bob Brown, Barbara Bartlett and Joe Sova in favor. Jerry Kokernak abstained. The motion carried.

Article 19. Jaws of Life Replacement

Barbara Bartlett made a motion to recommend passage of this article. Seconded by Cynthia Secord, with Bob Brown, Joe Sova and Ed Sweet in favor and Jerry Kokernak abstaining. The motion carried.

Article 20. Firefighter Protective Clothing

A motion was made by Joe Sova to recommend support of this article. It was seconded by Ed Sweet, with Bob Brown, Barbara Bartlett and Cynthia Secord in favor. Jerry Kokernak abstained. The motion carried.

Article 21. Fund Principal and Interest for Ambulance

For the Capital Committee, Joe Sova made a motion in favor of transferring \$38,867.20, to be used as noted in this article. Bob Brown seconded the motion, with Arden Sonnenberg in favor. Jerry Kokernak abstained. The motion carried.

Finance Committee - Joe Sova made a motion to support this article. It was seconded by Ed Sweet. Barbara Bartlett, Bob Brown and Cynthia Secord were in favor. Jerry Kokernak abstained. The motion carried.

Article 22. Fund Principal and Interest for Pumper-Tanker

Capital Committee - Joe Sova made a motion in favor of transferring \$62,148.05, to be used as noted in the article. Jerry Kokernak seconded and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Finance Committee - Joe Sova made a motion to recommend passage of this article. It was seconded by Barbara Bartlett, with all in favor. Motion carried.

Article 23. Fulltime Firefighter Paramedic Positions

Ed Sweet made a motion to recommend passage of this article. It was seconded by Joe Sova. Bob Brown, Barbara Bartlett and Cynthia Secord were in favor, with Jerry Kokernak abstaining. With a majority in favor, the motion carried.

Article 24. Adopt Minimum Valuation for Personal Property Tax Abatement

The Finance Committee defers on this article.

Article 25. Replace Water Truck #3

Jerry Kokernak made a motion to recommend passage of this article. It was seconded by Cynthia Secord. All in favor, motion carried.

Article 26. New Server and Computers

Jerry Kokernak made a motion to support this article. Cynthia Secord seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Article 27. East Lake Waushacum Treatment

After discussion, Barbara Bartlett made a motion that the Finance Committee defer to the Board of Health on this article. Jerry Kokernak seconded and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Article 28. Veterans Services District

Jerry Kokernak made a motion to recommend passage of this article, Cynthia Secord seconded and all were in favor. Motion carried.

Article 29. Funding Veterans Services District

Joe Sova made a motion in support, Barbara Bartlett seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Article 30. Authorization to Enter Contract for Postal Equipment

A motion to recommend passage of this article was made by Joe Sova. Jerry Kokernak seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Article 31. Authorize Treasurer to Borrow Money

Barbara Bartlett made a motion in support of this article. Joe Sova seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Article 32. Compensating Balance Agreements

A motion to support this article was made by Joe Sova and seconded by Barbara Bartlett. All were in favor, motion carried.

Article 33. Revolving Account

Ed Sweet recommended support of this article, seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All in favor and the motion carried.

Article 34. Fund Post-Employment Benefits

Ed Sweet made a motion to recommend support of this article. It was seconded by Joe Sova. All in favor and the motion carried.

Article 35. Fund Wachusett Earthday (Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling)

Joe Sova made a motion to recommend passage of this article. Barbara Bartlett seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Article 36. Fund Wachusett Greenways Expenses

A motion to recommend passage of the article was made by Joe Sova and seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All in favor, motion carried.

Article 37. Fund Sterling Land Trust Expenses

Ed Sweet made a motion to recommend passage of this article. It was seconded by Barbara Bartlett, with all in favor. Motion carried.

Article 38. Fund Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition

The Finance Committee moved to defer on this article.

Article 39. Apply Stabilization Fund to Reduce the Tax Rate

The Finance Committee will report at Town Meeting on this article.

Schedule Next Meeting

Chairman Brown scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6:00 PM in Room 205 of the Butterick Building. This will be a Finance Committee only meeting.

Adjourn

Finance Committee - A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Sova, seconded by Ed Sweet, with all in favor.

Capital Committee - A motion to adjourn was made by Arden Sonnenberg and seconded by Jerry Kokernak. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

