

**Finance and Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes of the Finance & Advisory Board
Town of Georgetown
November 6, 2007**

Location – 2nd floor Meeting Room – Town Hall

Members in Attendance – Sandy Gerraughty – Chair, Jon Ayres – Vice Chair, Robin O’Malley – secretary, Mark Hall, Jim Lacey, Jack L’Hommedieu, Tim Ruh (arrived at 7:25), ~~Mike Sweat, Reggie Tardif~~

Guests: Steve Delaney, Chief Anderson, Peter Durkee, Matt Vincent, Phil Trapani, Lonnie Brennan, Steve Epstein, Chris Rich, Janet Pantano, Rich Hanlon

Minutes taken by Robin O’Malley

Meeting called to Order at 7:18 PM by Sandy Gerraughty

Personnel Board appointments:

- ◆ Jim Lacey made a motion to appoint Christopher Rich, 292 Andover St, to the Personnel Board. Mark Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.
- ◆ Jim Lacey made a motion to appoint Deb Rogers as the non union town employee rep to the Personnel Board. Mark Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

For purpose of this meeting, we used the draft of proposed motions as of 11/6/07.

Article 1: At this time, we only discussed the wage increase. Matt Vincent explained the reasoning behind this article and handed out an analysis of how the money was broken out. Tim Ruh made a motion to recommend approval of Article 1 for the proposed wage increase of \$64,507.12 coming from free cash. Mark Hall seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes and 3 no.

Article 2: Tim Ruh made a motion to recommend approval of Article 2, appropriation of free cash for the reduction of the tax rate and to offset a state charge, not to exceed \$165,000. Jim Lacey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Article 3: Tim Ruh made a motion to recommend approval of Article 3, water department authorization to use retained earnings, as written. Jim Lacey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Article 5: Matt Vincent explained this article. There are still some questions as to Department of Revenue’s opinion on changing the age to 67. At this time we agreed to hold on voting and will vote prior to the Special Town Meeting.

Article 4: Rich Hanlon handed out information regarding this article. Within was specific information as to how the money was to be spent. Sandy Gerraughty asked if this is the last time that money will be requested for design services. Rich Hanlon said that the committee will not be coming back for more money for the design phase. The design has to be finished by Spring 2008. Tim Ruh made a motion to recommend approval of Article 4, school facilities committee funding for architectural design services, as written. Jim Lacey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1, the one was an abstention.

Articles 6 and 7: Chief Anderson explained both articles. The protective clothing will outfit about 8 people. The protective clothing lasts about 10 years. This clothing is replaced periodically. The hoses that are being replaced are cloth and will be replaced with rubber lined hoses. Tim Ruh made a motion to recommend approval of Articles 6 and 7, protective clothing and firefighting hose replacement, as written. Jim Lacey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Article 1: At this time, we only discussed the highway departments request for line transfers. Peter Durkee explained that he would like to purchase a sander for \$16,800. Jack L'Hommedieu made a motion to recommend approval of Article 1 for a line item transfer from road machinery to an operating expense account that Steve Delaney will clarify before town meeting. Jon Ayres seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Article 8: Peter Durkee explained that he would like to increase the revolving fund to be able to lease equipment and then rent it out. Sandy Gerraughty explained that in general the Finance and Advisory Board does not like revolving funds as they are hard to track and the town has little control over them. Tim Ruh made a motion to recommend approval of Article 8, highway department road machinery fund, as written. Jack L'Hommedieu seconded the motion. The vote was 3 for and 4 against.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, 11/13/07, 6:00 pm. If anyone misses a meeting, Sandy will put all handouts in the Finance and Advisory Board's mailbox at town hall. Please pick up your information from there.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tim Ruh and seconded by Mark Hall at 9:29 PM. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

To do list:

1. Sandy will email the Suffolk Plan to everyone.
2. Mark hall will email a CIP summary list to the board
3. Does Jon want to continue on as School Committee liaison?
4. Sandy will talk to Mike Sweat about his ideas about revenue
5. Minutes still to approve: 6/20/07, 7/12/07, 8/15/07, 9/10/07, 9/19/07, 10/17/07, 11/06/07