

## Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM on March 5, 2002 in the Groton Town Hall. Present at the meeting were Lorraine Leonard, Todd Hutchinson, Bill Maloomian, Win Nordblom, Jeff Wilson, David Powell, Steve Boczenowski, and Ann Walsh.

Lorraine Leonard mentioned that Steve Boczenowski was asked by the School Committee to serve as a member of the GDRSD Vision Planning Group. However, when Steve received the notification letter accepting his position on the committee, he was listed as a representative of the Groton Finance Committee. Steve immediately contacted Lorraine and they agreed to raise the issue to the entire committee. After a discussion, a motion was made by David Powell to appoint Steve Boczenowski as a representative of the Groton Finance Committee to the GDRSD Vision Planning Group. The motion was seconded by Bill Maloomian. The vote passed with four votes in favor (Leonard, Powell, Nordblom, and Maloomian), two opposed (Hutchinson, Wilson), and one abstention (Boczenowski).

Copies of the minutes from the previous meeting (February 26) were distributed to the committee. A motion was made by Todd Hutchinson to remove a sentence from the sixth paragraph (“After a discussion, a consensus was gained on what the target growth of the GDRSD budget should be, although no formal vote was taken.”), but it was not seconded. David Powell made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Bill Maloomian. The minutes were accepted with four votes in favor (Leonard, Maloomian, Nordblom, Boczenowski), none against, and three abstentions (Hutchinson, Powell, and Wilson).

There was a discussion about the Finance Committee’s recommendation to freeze the current staffing levels in the town, a position which was voted on at the February 26 meeting. Peter Cunningham and Jean Kitchen were present and participated in the discussion.

There was a discussion about the budget, especially with regard to the effect of the GDRSD budget recommendation. Todd Hutchinson made a motion to reduce the GDRSD Operating Budget (line item 3020) to \$8,506,228 in the draft budget. The motion was seconded by Steve Boczenowski. The motion passed with six votes in favor (Leonard, Maloomian, Nordblom, Hutchinson, Wilson, and Boczenowski), none against, and one abstention (Powell).

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 in Town Hall.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Boczenowski, seconded by David Powell, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Boczenowski