

## Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM on April 2, 2002 in the Groton Town Hall. Present at the meeting were Lorraine Leonard, Jeff Wilson, Mike Flynn, Win Nordblom, Bill Maloomian, David Powell, Steve Boczenowski, and Ann Walsh.

John Estabrook, the Building Maintenance Supervisor, addressed the committee to request a Reserve Fund Transfer to complete the project of installing a new emergency generator at the Senior Center. Mike Flynn made a motion to transfer \$1000 from the Reserve Fund for this project, Steve Boczenowski seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

The committee engaged in a discussion about personnel cuts in the FY03 budget. Several town departments were represented at the meeting including Hugh McLaughlin, Board of Assessors; Bonnie Biocchi, Town Clerk; Dan Barton, Historic District Commission; John Walsh, EMS; Mike Tusino, Building Inspector; Chief Bob Mulhern, Police Department; Tom Delaney, Highway Department; Bruce Dubey, Solid Waste; Susan Horowitz, Board of Health; Kenn Thompson, Council on Aging; Andrew Searle, Library Trustees; Liza Judge, Recreation Commission; Larry Swezey, Water Department; and Dorothy Davis, Cable TV Committee.

Tom Delaney, Highway Department Supervisor, addressed the committee to explain the rationale to his capital item requests.

Bill Maloomian made a motion to disapprove the front end loader capital item and to add \$5000 to the Highway Department minor expense budget and it was seconded by Jeff Wilson. The committee then engaged in a discussion about this item. The committee approved the motion by a vote four in favor (Powell, Wilson, Maloomian, Flynn), two against (Boczenowski, Nordblom), with one abstention (Leonard).

Jeff Wilson made a motion that if the Early Retirement Buyback article is approved by Town Meeting then it should be funded by a transfer from available funds (i.e. Free Cash), it was seconded by Mike Flynn, and it was approved unanimously.

Jeff Wilson made a motion to oppose the article to transfer funding into the Conservation Fund, it was seconded by Win Nordblom, and the motion was defeated with three votes in favor (Wilson, Maloomian, Nordblom) and four votes against (Powell, Leonard, Flynn, Boczenowski).

Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the Wing Plow and Pickup truck, it was seconded by David Powell, and was approved by a vote of six votes in favor (Wilson, Maloomian, Nordblom, Powell, Leonard, Boczenowski) and one opposed (Flynn).

The committee continued its work in examining the budget line by line.

David Powell made a motion to keep the EMS expense budget as submitted, Jeff Wilson seconded it, and it was approved by a vote of six votes in favor (Wilson, Nordblom, Flynn, Powell, Leonard, Boczenowski), and one vote against (Maloomian).

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday, April 8 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 11:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Boczenowski