

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM on April 9, 2002 in the Groton Town Hall. Present at the meeting were Lorraine Leonard, Jeff Wilson, Win Nordblom, Mike Flynn, Todd Hutchinson, Bill Maloomian, Steve Boczenowski, and Ann Walsh.

The committee engaged in a discussion about the budget.

Gordon Newell and Robert Blood from the West Groton Water Supply District addressed the committee about the W. Groton Fire Hydrant line item (line item 2040).

The committee continued their discussion on the budget, specifically the personnel issues discussed at the April 2 meeting.

Todd Hutchinson made a motion to defer the Personnel Board Policy Booklet until next year, it was seconded by Bill Maloomian, and it was approved by a vote of five votes in favor (Leonard, Wilson, Nordblom, Hutchinson, Maloomian) and two votes against (Flynn, Boczenowski).

Peter Morrison and Kathleen O'Connor from the Conservation Commission joined the meeting to discuss article 8 on the Town Meeting Warrant which will transfer funds to the Conservation Commission's reserve fund.

The committee continued its discussion on the personnel items.

Steve Boczenowski made a motion to support the Town Clerk wages line item (1241) at \$44,072, seconded by Mike Flynn, and was approved with five votes in favor (Flynn, Leonard, Nordblom, Wilson) and two votes against (Maloomian, Hutchinson).

Jeff Wilson made a motion to fund the EMS position at half of the original request (to begin on January 1, 2003), it was seconded by Mike Flynn, and was approved with four votes in favor (Flynn, Leonard, Wilson, Boczenowski) and three votes opposed (Maloomian, Nordblom, Hutchinson).

Steve Boczenowski made a motion to support funding the Conservation Commission at a level of \$200,000, it was seconded by Jeff Wilson, and it was approved with six votes in favor (Leonard, Wilson, Hutchinson, Maloomian, Flynn, Boczenowski) and one vote against (Nordblom).

Mike Flynn made a motion to add in the Local Building Inspector (\$17,769) and reduce the Asst Building Inspector position by \$5000, it was seconded by Steve Boczenowski, and approved unanimously.

Todd Hutchinson made a motion to cut the Greenway budget completely, Bill Maloomian seconded it, and it was approved unanimously.

Mike Flynn made a motion to set the Recreation Commission expense line item (5061) to \$7000, it was seconded by Steve Boczenowski, and it passed with four votes in favor (Flynn, Nordblom, Leonard, Boczenowski) and three votes against (Hutchinson, Wilson, Maloomian).

Steve Boczenowski made a motion to support the Cable TV position, it was seconded by Jeff Wilson, and it was approved unanimously.

Steve Boczenowski made a motion to set the Parks Department expense item (5081) to \$45,000, it was seconded by Jeff Wilson, and it was approved with six votes in favor (Leonard, Wilson, Hutchinson, Maloomian, Nordblom, Boczenowski) and one vote against (Flynn).

Bill Maloomian made a motion to reduce the Stabilization Fund transfer to \$50,000, it was seconded by Steve Boczenowski, and it was approved unanimously.

Bill Maloomian made a motion to completely cut the Capital Planning Consultant/Engineers line item (1161), it was seconded by Jeff Wilson, and it was approved unanimously.

Bill Maloomian made a motion to cut the Town Counsel budget (1180) to \$85,000, it was seconded by Todd Hutchinson, and it was approved unanimously.

Mike Flynn made a motion to oppose article 25 (Legion Hall Windows, \$20,000), it was seconded by Win Nordblom, and was approved unanimously.

The next meeting was scheduled to be a Public Hearing that would take place on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 in Senior Center.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Boczenowski, seconded by Mike Flynn, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Boczenowski