

Town of Groton
Finance Committee
October 7, 2003

Minutes

Present: G. Boles, J. Cochran, M. Flynn, W. Nordblom (Chair), S. Shuman, S. Webber, J. Wilson.

Selectmen: P. Cunningham, F. Dillon, T. Hartnett, V. Wood, J. Kitchen (Administrative Officer)

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. with the Chair, Win Nordblom presiding.

Town Accountant's Report

- Ms. Jenkins handed out a draft of the Deficit Analysis and a draft of the FY2004 Budget. She expertly went over:

- The items causing the deficit and the options to offset that deficit.
- The possible use of free cash.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the September 3, 2003 meeting were corrected, moved, and approved. The minutes of the September 30, 2003 meeting were moved and approved.

Reserve Fund Transfer

- The Senior Center requested an \$1100.00 transfer to cover paying an individual to replace the Meals-on-Wheels worker out on leave. G. Boles moved, M. Flynn seconded. Vote: 6 in favor, 1 abstention (J. Wilson).

The Library requested a \$5945.00 transfer to cover paying an individual to replace a worker out on maternity leave. G. Boles moved and M. Flynn seconded. Vote: 5 in favor, 2 abstentions (S. Shuman and J. Wilson).

The Committee discussed covering absences and Town Departments having contingency plans for such emergencies.

Public Hearing

- The public hearing to discuss the Town Meeting Warrant Articles was opened at 7:30 P.M.

The Warrant Articles were read, discussed, and the public hearing closed at 9:20 P.M.

Recommendations on Articles

Article	FinCom Pos.	Yes	No	Abstain
1. Cell Tower	For	6	0	1
2. Assessment for GDRSD	For	7	0	0
3. Increase \$ to NVTSD	For	7	0	0
4. Alternative funding	For	7	0	0
5. Demolish McGregor property	For	5	2	0
6. Correct 9/23/02 TM article	For	7	0	0
7. Water Dept. /GDRSD agreement	For	7	0	0
8. Transfer \$ from Water Ent. Fund	For	7	0	0
9. Early Retirement	no action			

10. Station Ave. feasibility study	For	6	1	0
11. Transfer \$-EMS to Fire Dept.	For	7	0	0
12. Replace fire cistern on Wallace Rd. For		7	0	0
13. Supplemental \$ for Lost Lake station	For	5	1	1
14. Zoning to control growth	For	4	3	0
15. Public way – Nicole Lane	no action			
16. Transfer town land to V.H. Shea	For	6	1	0
17. Rezone land on Sandy Pond Rd.	no action			
18. Transfer funds within Fire Dept.	For	7	0	0
19. Transfer \$500K to Stabilization Fund	For	7	0	0
20. Reduce Free Cash to lower tax rate	For	7	0	0

Other Business

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J. Cochran was assigned to the Highway and Health sub-committee.

Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart J. Shuman
Recording Secretary

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