

Town of Groton
Finance Committee
Town Hall
February 1, 2005

Minutes

Present: G. Boles, J. Prager S. Shuman, A. Walsh, S. Webber
Town Accountant: V. Jenkins
Selectmen: W. Nordblom

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Chair, Steve Webber, presiding.

Announcements

- The Chair announced a joint meeting with the Selectmen on February 28th and a joint meeting with the School Department on February 15th.

Deficit Spending

- **Motion:** A. Walsh moved, S. Shuman seconded to authorize snow/ice deficit spending for 2005. Vote: 5-0.

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- **Motion:** A. Walsh moved, S. Shuman seconded to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2004 meeting. Vote 4-0-1.

Budget Planning

- Discussed budget strategy for FY '06.
- Discussed Community Preservation Act revenue and how it may affect the FY'06 budget. Rich Hughson reviewed the process for starting CPA surcharges and the spending of collections.
- Discussed GDRSD strategic plan and enrollments.
- Discussed what percentage increase could be applied to the schools and the town to be "fair." The same ratio of new money to the town and schools would be a starting point.
- Discussed new positions being asked for by Town Department Heads.
- Discussed the Personnel Board COLA recommendation.
- Discussed the need to get new growth figure from the Board of Assessors as soon as possible.
- Scheduled meetings with Department Heads with budgets over \$50,000 to review their FY'06 budgets.

Next Meeting

- The next meetings are scheduled for February 8th at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

- **Motion:** S. Shuman moved, A. Walsh seconded to adjourn at 8:14 PM. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart J. Shuman
Recording Secretary