

Town of Groton
Finance Committee
Senior Center
March 15, 2005

Minutes

Present: G. Boles, J. Cochran, G. Gingras, D. Powell, J. Prager S. Shuman, A. Walsh,
S. Webber

Town Accountant: V. Jenkins

Selectmen: W. Nordblom

Administrative Officer: J. Kitchen

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. with the Chair, Steve Webber, presiding.

Presentation of Budgets

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- The Building Commissioner presented his FY'06 budgets for:
 1. Electrical Inspector
 2. Gas/Plumbing Inspector.
Discussed Sealer of Weights and Measures position
- The Sewer Commissioner presented his FY'06 budget.
Discussed expansion projects for Main Street.
- The Conservation Commission presented their FY'06 budget.
Discussed new CC potential acquisitions
Discussed Water Safety FY'06 budget and need for new docks at Sargisson Beach.
Current balance of \$340,000.00 in Conservation Fund.
- The Planning Board Administrator presented her FY'06 budget.
- The Water Department presented their FY'06 budget.
Discussed expenses and changes in the submitted budget.

Reserve Fund Transfer

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- **Motion:** A. Walsh moved, G. Boles seconded to approve the transfer of \$100.00 from the Reserve Fund to Graves Registration. Vote: 8-0.
- **Motion:** A. Walsh moved, G. Boles seconded to approve the transfer of \$1,311.17 from the Reserve Fund to pay legal expenses. Vote: 8-0.
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Other Business

- The Chair presented a budget planning document.
- Discussed a need for a school budget planning strategy for GDRSD.
- Discussed the need for prioritizing municipal services (fire) in order to protect the public.
- Discussed the COLA and need to take a position on the recommended 3% COLA from the Personnel Board.
- Discussed representing the CPA on the budget pages and adding a new line on the budget sheets.
- Discussed new hires for the town.
- Discussed the Water Department's new \$100.00/year charge.

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- **Motion:** A. Walsh moved, J. Prager seconded to accept the minutes of the March 1, 2005 meeting. Vote: 6-0.
- **Motion:** A. Walsh moved, J. Cochran seconded to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2005 meeting. Vote: 6-0-2 (Powell, Gingras)

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Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2005 at 7:00 PM.

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Adjournment

- **Motion:** A. Walsh moved, S. Shuman seconded to adjourn at 9:08 PM. Vote 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart J. Shuman
Recording Secretary