

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN FINANCE COMMITTEE



Minutes of the Meeting for <FEB. 2nd, 2012> at the BPW Building, Arsene St., Fairhaven, MA

Members in attendance: Chairman- John Roderiques, Pat Elliott, Kim Hyland, Therese Szala, Kathi Carter, Scott Fernandes, Ron Quintin, Sid Martin, Jennifer Bishop, Lisa Plante and Ted Silva. All present- This meeting was televised.

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Roderiques at 7:00 P.M. and announced that the proceeding was being video/audio taped by government access.

Minutes of meeting dated 1/26/12 were reviewed. Motion to accept by Kim/Sid vote unanimous
Special town meeting articles- Chairman discussed-

Art. 2- Recall- and asked for opinions as to whether the article fell under the guidelines for FinCom consideration. After discussion motion to YTP by Scott/Sid unanimous

Art. 3- setting term limits- Chair asked if anyone had comments on article with no response. Motion to YTP by Scott/Sid vote unanimous

Art.4- Wind turbines- Robert Espindola in audience asked to be heard and was allowed. Passed out information brochure (projector not working) and discussed the issue. Mr. Espindola spoke from 7:11 p.m. to 7:43 p.m. Dawn Devlin in audience also passed out pamphlet on turbines. Pat Elliott noted concern about legality and position of turbines. Long discussion about legalities and procedures. Ted Lorenzon of 49 Union St spoke briefly in favor of the issue and questioned why these concerns were not expressed prior .

Chair informed the committee his opinion that with a signed contract issue could not be “rescinded.” This matter to be voted on at next meeting.

Articles in annual T.M.- discussion of additional articles

Chair will notify members of departments scheduled appointments to appear for budget review, but suggested that everyone should plan on accountant, treasurer, police, selectmen. Chair noted that selectmen needed to be more decisive. Chair advised Mr. Espindola to advise anyone wishing to speak on for annual T.M. to call and get scheduled.

Discussed pending union contracts and issues remaining on F/Y ’11 with some unions.

The following items from Art. 4 of ATM were voted as follows:

Category	Requested FY 13	Recommended Fin Com	
			02/02/2012
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
1. MODERATOR			
a. Salary	800	800	Scott/Terry 9-1 Jen opposed
21. ENGINEERING	2000	2000	Scott/Terry unanimous
50. MEMORIAL DAY	2500	2500	Kim/Scott unanimous
56. FICA	305000	305000	Kim/Scott unanimous
58. RAPE CRISIS PROJECT	2000	2000	Scott/Jen unanimous
59. FINE ARTS	1000	1000	Scott/Jen unanimous
61. GENERAL FUND			
a. Debt	1791000	1791000	Scott/Kathy unanimous
b. Interest on Debt	530300	530300	Scott/Kathy unanimous
c. Interest on Temp Loans	30000	30000	Scott/Kathy unanimous
63. SEWER FUND			
a. Debt	425500	448000	Scott/Terry unanimous
b. Interest on Debt	241500	252000	Scott/Terry unanimous
c. Interest on Temp Loans	0	0	Scott/Terry unanimous

Discussed ATM articles- Mr. Osuch reviewed all

Chair requested current balances for historical commission from treasurer

Chair noted roadwork may need to be reduced. Further discussion of Wayne St.

Meeting next week. Motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. by Ron/Jen unanimous

Submitted by Ted Silva- Secretary