

**Needham Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting of May 8, 2013**

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by the Chair, Richard Reilly, at approximately 7:00 pm in the Great Plain Room at the Town Hall.

Present from the Finance Committee:

Richard Reilly, Chair; Richard Lunetta, Vice Chair

Members: Richard Creem, Lisa Zappala, Richard Zimbone

Arrived at Town Meeting: John Connelly, Gary McNeill, Louise Miller

Also Present:

David Davison, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director

Evelyn Poness, Treasurer

Special Town Meeting Articles Discussed:

Article 3: Amend the FY 2013 Operating Budget

Citizen Requests

There were no requests to address the Committee.

Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 3: Amend the FY 2013 Operating Budget

Mr. Davison recommended that the article be amended to reduce the Group Health Insurance line by \$400,000 and to decrease the Retiree Insurance line also by \$400,000. He stated that \$400,000 is the maximum amount that he would recommend to transfer between these lines, as it is the minimum savings that can be expected in the Health Insurance budget. Ms. Zappala stated that if the money were not moved, then it would end up in Free Cash.

MOVED: By Mr. Zimbone that the Finance Committee recommend adoption of Special Town Meeting Article 3: Amend the FY 2013 Operating Budget, as amended. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Zappala stated that there are other changes in the article as well. Mr. Davison stated that the Police Department Capital line is being increased to pay for a replacement vehicle and the Fire Department Capital line is being increased to pay for a wireless radio receiver, with the funds being moved from the Reserve Fund.

Finance Committee Updates

Mr. Davison stated that the bids have been received for the sewer reconstruction project, ranging from \$135,000 - \$441,000. The lowest bid did not acknowledge the addendum, which was material, so that bid was disqualified. The second lowest bid for \$160,000 was also disqualified because it did not meet the license requirements. The third lowest bid was \$214,000 and exceeded the amount shown in the article. The Town will need to go back out the bid to see if it can get a bid within the \$200,000 budget.

Suspend

MOVED: By Mr. Zimbone that the Finance Committee suspend the meeting and to reconvene as necessary during the course of Town Meeting. Ms. Zappala seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0. The meeting was recessed at 7:10 pm.

Reconvene

The Committee came to a consensus during the course of the Annual Town Meeting in Powers Hall to support Motions to Refer Article 23: Amend General By-Law – Marijuana Consumption on Public Property and Article 24: Amend General By-Law – Alcoholic Beverages on Public Property back to the Board of Selectmen for further review. The Committee authorized Mr. Creem to inform Town Meeting.

Adjourn

MOVED: By Mr. Creem that the Finance Committee meeting be adjourned, there being no further business. Ms. Zappala seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0, at approximately 11:05 p.m.

Documents: 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; May 2013 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Mizgerd,
Executive Secretary/Staff Analyst

Approved June 12, 2013