

Town of Ayer

Finance Committee

Ayer Massachusetts, 01432



Location: Ayer Town Hall, 1st floor meeting room.
Finance Committee Minutes

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Present: Brian Muldoon; Chairman, Jesse Reich; Vice-Chairman, Glen LaPierre; Clerk, member Scott Houde and Andrew Crowley

Called to order at 7:03 pm by Brian Muldoon

1. Mail: Brian Muldoon distribute mail to members

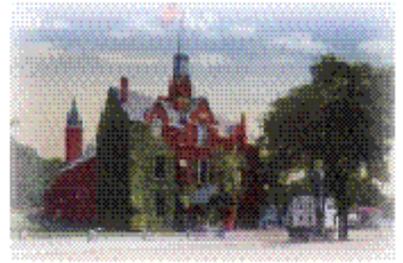
2. New Business: Brian Muldoon:

- a. Deficit spending for snow removal, RFT coming.
- b. 3/16/10 BOS update: Brian.
 - i. Need FinCom representation for Town Administrator search
 - i. Exclusion: BOS vote for ballot and ATM Passed 3 to 1.
 - ii. Addition Fireman: Memo did not make it into BOS packet, moved out to a later date.
- c. Public hearing on the budget: BOS and FinCom 3/30/10 @ 7:00pm in town hall

3. Budget Discussions:

- a. Police: Add the cruiser back in. Approved at 4.5%.
- b. Street Lights: Approved.
- c. Planning and Development: Approved as requested.
- d. George Frost and school committee came before the Finance committee to discuss FY 11 budget. They discussed how the process works, meet come up with wish list of needs and a cost associated with, revenue 20% comes from external sources, up tick for IEP's, Shirley tuition increases 4% per year their rate reasonable, if we don't regionalize will need to revisit tuition, Jesse would like them to look at how other towns charge tuition, retirees could save up to 250k, there is business revenue and Jesse wants to know if it can be increased, Salary competitive for regions outside of 495, Federal and state grants discussed, Jesse have more teachers looking for grants, best bet to keep special ed in house, Scott questioned if regionalization passes but capital doesn't, will still use school but will need short term upgrades, feasibility study to cost 200k, building structurally sound renovation to cost upwards of 20 million
 - i. Voke Ed transportation to stay on the town side
 - ii. Voke Ed to stay on the town side, tuition is not an assessment.
 - iii. Lisa: What are you going to do with the \$50K if we appropriate funds from the transportation line.
 1. George: The \$50k would reduce the cuts already prioritized.
- e. Jesse Reich: Motion to decrease transportation line by \$50k and increase General Education by \$45k, 2nd by Andrew. Jesse and Andrew in favor, Glen abstained, Scott and Brian opposed.
 - i. Initially Brian declares the motions failed to pass, vote appears tied. Dan Gleason states that it passes, Brian declares s it passes.

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- ii. Andrew makes motion to reconsider vote, 2nd by Brian. All in favor. Motion to reconsider the original Motion passes.
- iii. Jesse Reich: Motion to decrease transportation line by \$50k and increase General Education by \$45k, no 2nd. Motion dies on the floor.

- f. Library: Can we obtain waiver to under fund library? Brian to email the director of the library and the trustees.
- g. Marty Poutry: Candidates night is 4/6/10.

4. **MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Jesse Reich, I move the Board enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL c. 39, sec. 23B, Exemption No. 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and to adjourn from Executive Session into Open Session for the sole purpose of adjournment. Second: by Glen. Roll call vote: FinCom member Jesse Reich, – Aye; FinCom member Glen Lapierre - Aye; FinCom member Scott Houde – Aye; FinCom member Andrew Crowley – Aye Chairman Muldoon – aye; 5-0 motion passes.

- a. General Contract update from Brian and Andrew.
 - i. DPW/AFSCME: Brian: last meeting: 3/4/10.
 - ii. Superior Officers: Andrew:

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9:03pm: Motion to adjourn FinCom by Scott Houde, second by Andrew Crowley. All in favor, unanimous

Brian Muldoon, Chairman	_____	Date _____
Jesse Reich, Vice Chairman	_____	Date _____
Glen Lapierre, Clerk	_____	Date _____
Scott Houde, Member	_____	Date _____
Andrew Crowley, Member	_____	Date _____