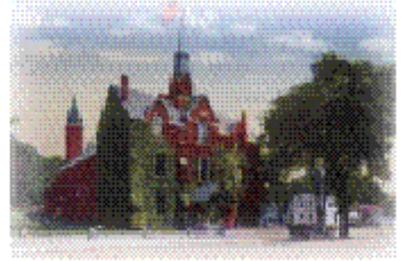


Town of Ayer

Finance Committee

Ayer Massachusetts, 01432



Location: Ayer Town Hall, Meeting Room
 Finance Committee Minutes

Wednesday April 27, 2011

Present: Brian Muldoon; Chairman, Jesse Reich; Vice-Chairman, Scott Houde; Clerk, Andrew Crowley, member;
 Absent: Connie Sullivan, member
 In attendance: Mary Spinner, Pauline Conley

Called to order at 7:04 pm by Brian Muldoon

- Mail
 - Final Town Meeting Warrants
 - MMA Newsletter, Suburban Coalition Budget, Lisa Gabree's budget report, Reserve Fund Transfers
- MS – Comments from the BOS meeting for the town warrants
 - The BOS suggested an alternative source of funding for capital items
 - Flannagan's Pond cleaning funding may be able to come from UDAG, Conservation Committee budget for Wetlands, or Community Preservation. Chelmsford is currently using CPC funds for pond conservation.
 - Nutting Building funding from CPC is questioned if CPC funds should be used for profit businesses.
- MS – Energy Committee update
 - Dan Sherman is looking at a contract with Constellation for solar panels at the solid waste land fill cap. The company will lease the land of the land of the cap for a solar farm.
- Reserve Fund Transfer – Tax Title \$225.00
- Motion to transfer the sum of \$225.00 to account 01158-52000 for Tax Title expense for three months of expenses.

Motion	JR
Second	SH
B. Muldoon	Aye
J. Reich	Aye
S. Houde	Aye
A. Crowley	Aye
C. Sullivan	Absent
Vote	4 - 0

- Minutes
 - Minutes presented for approval: 1/20/11, 3/9/11, 3/23/11
 - Motion to accept minutes of 1/20/11 as presented

Motion	SH
Second	AC
B. Muldoon	Aye
J. Reich	Abstain
S. Houde	Aye
A. Crowley	Aye
C. Sullivan	Absent
Vote	3 - 0

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- Motion to accept minutes of 3/9/11 and 3/23/11 as presented

Motion	AC
Second	JR
B. Muldoon	Aye
J. Reich	Aye
S. Houde	Aye
A. Crowley	Aye
C. Sullivan	Absent
Vote	3 - 0

- Outstanding minutes are 4/8/11 and 4/13/11

- Town meeting Warrants – Final Version

- Changes from 4/19 version of the town warrant articles.
- Article 6, 7, and 8 are for regional school district. The RSC will present at town meeting.
 - Article 6 – Net School Spending percentage adjusted for the FY2012 assessment
 - Article 7 – Change to wording of the agreement to set assessment based upon student population.
 - Article 8 – Assessment for FY2012 of \$8,190,760. This amount may decrease if article 6 and 7 fail.
 - Motion to endorse article 8

Motion	JR
Second	AC
B. Muldoon	Aye
J. Reich	Aye
S. Houde	Aye
A. Crowley	Aye
C. Sullivan	Absent
Vote	4 - 0

- Article 21 – Clerk request for binding of books
 - Alternative funding is possible. Some towns have used CPC funding.
 - Motion not to support article 21

Motion	SH
Second	JR
B. Muldoon	Aye
J. Reich	Aye
S. Houde	Aye
A. Crowley	Aye
C. Sullivan	Absent
Vote	4 - 0

- Article 22 – Capital Exclusion
 - Amount will change on meeting floor from \$554,644 to \$139,039 due to ballot results of April 26 elections.
 - Committee voted recommendation of original article.
- Article 23 and 24 – Property purchase on Central Avenue
 - Articles will be updated on town meeting floor.
- Article 25 - Stabilization funding
 - Amount updated to \$98,430
 - Motion to support article 25

Motion	JR
Second	SH
B. Muldoon	Aye
J. Reich	Aye
S. Houde	Aye
A. Crowley	Aye
C. Sullivan	Absent

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Vote	4 - 0
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- Article 27 – CPAC transfer of funds
 - Motion to support article 27

Motion	JR
Second	SH
B. Muldoon	Aye
J. Reich	Aye
S. Houde	Aye
A. Crowley	Aye
C. Sullivan	Absent
Vote	4 - 0

- Article 29 – CPAC funds for Old Nutting Building
 - Concern using CPAC funds to a for profit business
 - Motion to NOT support article 29

Motion	SH
Second	AC
B. Muldoon	Aye
J. Reich	Aye
S. Houde	Aye
A. Crowley	Aye
C. Sullivan	Absent
Vote	4 - 0

- Article 30 – GASB 45 funding
 - Motion to support article 30

Motion	AC
Second	SH
B. Muldoon	Aye
J. Reich	Aye
S. Houde	Aye
A. Crowley	Aye
C. Sullivan	Absent
Vote	4 - 0

- Article 31 – Storm water Enterprise Fund
 - Motion to support article 31

Motion	SH
Second	AC
B. Muldoon	Aye
J. Reich	Aye
S. Houde	Aye
A. Crowley	Aye
C. Sullivan	Absent
Vote	4 - 0

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- Article 34 – Aquifer Protection
 - Motion to support article 34

Motion	JR
Second	SH
B. Muldoon	Aye
J. Reich	Aye
S. Houde	Aye
A. Crowley	Aye
C. Sullivan	Absent
Vote	4 - 0

- Article 38 – Flannagan’s Pond water treatment
 - BOS recommended using UDAG funding for the treatment within FY2011. This would allow the treatment to be completed in the month of May to take effect this summer. CPAC funds could be used to maintain this on an annual basis.

- BM – I would like FinCom to speak to each article just as BOS gives their recommendation.
- Capital Exclusion
 - BM – Follow up with department heads about presentation at town meeting.
- May meetings are tentatively scheduled for May 11 and May 25
- Open forum
 - Outstanding water and sewer bills amount to \$289,000. Follow up with Clerk for details and update.
 - Tax Title properties in Ayer are not listed in the paper as required.
 - 76 Central Ave was taken years ago and is still not for sale.
 - AC – Personnel Committee will be reviewing the wages grid over the summer
- Andrew Crowley will not renew his appointment to the Finance Committee. His term ends on June 30, 2011.

- Motion to adjourn at 8:56pm

Motion	JR
Second	AC
B. Muldoon	Aye
J. Reich	Aye
S. Houde	Aye
A. Crowley	Aye
C. Sullivan	Absent
Vote	4 - 0

Brian Muldoon, Chairman _____ Date _____

Jesse Reich, Vice Chairman _____ Date _____

Scott Houde, Clerk _____ Date _____

Andrew Crowley, Member _____ Date _____

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Connie Sullivan, Member

_____ Date _____