

# TOWN OF KINGSTON

## MASSACHUSETTS

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes  
10 January 2008

Chairperson Judythe Lewis opened a meeting of the Finance Committee at 7:30 PM on 10 January 2008 at the Kingston Town Hall. Also present were Elaine Fiore, Mathew Hamilton, John LaBrache, Jason Lelio, Paul Ricci and Claire Soares.

Ms. Lewis reported that the DPW appointed scheduled at 7:30 PM has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Upon motion made by John LaBrache and seconded by Claire Soares, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 December 2007 as amended.

The Committee reviewed the Conservation Commission's FY09 budget request.

Upon motion made by Jason Lelio and seconded by John LaBrache, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend a personal services budget of \$77,181 and an expense budget of \$4,110, for a total Conservation Commission FY09 budget of \$81,291.

The Committee reviewed the Planning Board's FY09 budget request.

Upon motion made by Matthew Hamilton and seconded by Elaine Fiore, following discussion and a 6 to 1 vote, it was—

**VOTED:** To recommend a personal services budget of \$36,418 and a personal services budget of \$6,961 for a total Planning Board FY09 budget of \$43,379.

John LaBrache opposed the motion; all other members present and voting supported it. The Committee noted the total reflected the elimination of \$751 from the personal services budget requested for vacation coverage.

The Committee reviewed the Zoning Board's FY09 budget request.

Upon motion made by John LaBrache and seconded by Elaine Fiore, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend a personal services budget of \$8,935 and a personal services budget of \$350 for a total Zoning Board FY09 budget of \$9,285.

The Committee noted that the ZBA had no expenses in FY07 or so far in FY08 and, therefore, reduced its FY09 request by \$345.

The Committee reviewed the Open Space Committee's FY09 budget request.

Upon motion made by Judythe Lewis and seconded by John LaBrache, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend a personal services budget of zero and an expense budget of \$5,398 for a total FY09 Open Space budget of \$5,398.

The Committee reviewed the Green Committee's FY09 budget request.

Upon motion made by Matthew Hamilton and seconded by Elaine Fiore, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend a personal services budget of zero and an expense budget of \$1,100 for a total FY09 Green Committee budget of \$1,100.

The Committee reviewed the Town Accountant's FY09 budget request.

Upon motion made by Paul Ricci and seconded by Claire Soares, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend a personal services budget of \$116,477 and an expense budget of \$2,448 for a total FY09 Town Accountant's budget of \$118,925.

The Committee reviewed the FY09 budget request for Care of Municipal Property.

Upon motion made by Paul Ricci and seconded by Mathew Hamilton, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend a personal services budget of \$53,095 and an expense budget of \$134,767 for a total FY09 Municipal Property budget of 187,862.

The Committee noted the total reflected the elimination of \$700 from the personal services budget requested for vacation coverage.

The Committee reviewed the Permanent Building Committee's FY09 budget request.

Upon motion made by Paul Ricci and seconded by Mathew Hamilton, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend a personal services budget of \$1,080 and an expense budget of \$50 for a total FY09 Permanent Building Committee budget of \$1,130.

The Committee reviewed the Moderator's request.

Upon motion made by Elaine Fiore and seconded by John LaBrache, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend a personal services budget of \$100 and an expense budget of zero for a total FY09 Moderator's budget of \$100.

The Committee reviewed the Selectmen's FY09 budget request.

Upon motion made by Elaine Fiore and seconded by Paul Ricci, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend a personal services budget of \$293,238 and an expense budget of \$65,359 for a total FY09 Selectmen's budget of \$358,597.

The Committee reviewed the Finance Committee's FY09 budget request.

Upon motion made by Elaine Fiore and seconded by John LaBrache, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend a personal services budget of \$4,899 and an expense budget of \$2,000 for a total Finance Committee's FY09 budget of \$6,899.

The Committee noted the total reflected a reduction of the Finance Committee's expense budget request as follows: \$700 from the line item for postage; and an increase of \$500 to the line item for office supplies.

The Committee reviewed the budget requested for the Reserve Fund.

Upon motion made by Elaine Fiore and seconded by John LaBrache, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend a FY09 Reserve Fund budget of \$75,000.

The Committee reviewed the Capital Planning Committee's FY09 budget request.

Upon motion made by John LaBrache and seconded by Elaine Fiore, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend a personal services budget of \$400 and an expense budget of zero for a total FY09 Capital Planning Committee budget of \$400.

The Committee reviewed the FY09 legal budget request.

Upon motion made by Elaine Fiore and seconded by John LaBrache, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend FY09 Legal budget of \$120,000.

The Committee reviewed the Historical Commission's FY09 budget request.

Upon motion made by John LaBrache and seconded by Mathew Hamilton, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend a personal services budget of zero and an expense budget of \$340 for a total FY09 Historical Commission's budget of \$340.

The Committee reviewed the Recreation Commission's FY09 budget request and deferred a vote on it pending receipt of more information.

There was discussion of a scheduled meeting of the Fire Chief with the Town Treasurer and the Town Administrator to discuss increasing ambulance fees.

The Treasurer advised the Finance Committee of the need to generate between \$142,000 and \$178,000 in additional revenue.

Upon motion made by John LaBrache and seconded by Claire Soares, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To have the Chairperson sign a letter from the Finance Committee to the Board of Selectmen asking them to consider changing ambulance fees.

John LaBrache reported on a meeting he attended with Silver Lake representatives pertaining to the Towns' assessments. He advised that Kingston's assessment will increase \$400,000 because its student population has increased while that of Halifax and Plympton decreased. He foresaw no change in this situation for the next five years.

There being no further discussion or vote, the meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam MacInnis, Secretary