

TOWN OF KINGSTON
MASSACHUSETTS
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes
5 April 2008

Chairman Mathew Hamilton opened a meeting of the Finance Committee at 8:30 AM on 5 April 2008 at the Kingston Intermediate School Library. Also present were Elaine Fiore, Jason Lelio, John LaBrache, Judythe Lewis, Paul Ricci and Claire Soares.

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

VOTED: To authorize payment due W. B. Mason for \$218.73 and a payment due Gatehouse Media for \$85.

Judythe Lewis advised the Committee that she would be resigning after town meeting.

Upon motion made by Elaine Fiore and seconded by John LaBrache, following discussion and a 5 to 2 vote, it was—

VOTED: To recommend that the annual town meeting vote under Article 13 to authorize \$279,000 for a new catch-basin cleaner and transfer from the Stabilization Fund \$50,000 for a feasibility study on the police station, \$66,000 for two police cruisers, \$30,000 for refurbishing the Fire Department's brush truck, and \$45,000 for a vehicle for the Fire Department.

Jason Lelio and Paul Ricci opposed the motion; all other members supported it.

A motion made by John LaBrache to recommend unfavorable action on Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting pertaining to special legislation failed for lack of a second.

There was discussion of postponing action on the capital plan until the fall town meeting.

The Committee agreed to make a recommendation on the Treasurer's salary after hearing the discussion at town meeting.

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

VOTED: To revise the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 February by changing the total of the Advisory Committee's recommendation for a Water Department Enterprise Fund to \$1,617,636.

Upon motion made by Judythe Lewis and seconded by Claire Soares, following discussion, it was—

VOTED: To accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March as corrected.

John LaBrache and Elaine Fiore abstained from voting on the motion; all other members supported it.

There was discussion of the budget for the Silver Lake Regional School District. Paul Ricci recused himself from the discussion and the subsequent vote pertaining to the school.

Upon motion made by John LaBrache and seconded by Elaine Fiore, following discussion, all members present and voting unanimously—

VOTED: To recommend a FY09 budget of \$7,392,876 for the Silver Lake Regional School District.

The Committee recessed the meeting in the Library and resumed the session in the auditorium simultaneously with the annual and special town meetings.

A motion to recommend favorable action on Article 2 of the annual town meeting pertaining to special legislation for the Sewer Enterprise Fund failed when Elaine Fiore recused herself from voting on the motion and any discussion related to it and there were three favorable votes and three in opposition.

Jason Lelio, Judythe Lewis, and Paul Ricci supported the motion; Mathew Hamilton, John LaBrache, and Claire Soares opposed it.

There were no further votes by the committee and its meeting was adjourned simultaneously with the annual town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam MacInnis
Secretary