

TOWN OF KINGSTON

MASSACHUSETTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes
4 October 2007

Chairperson Judythe Lewis opened a meeting of the Finance Committee at 7:30 PM on 4 October 2007 at the Kingston Town Hall. Also present were Frederick Baughman, Elaine Fiore, Mathew Hamilton, Jason Lelio, and Claire Soares.

The Committee reviewed items on the agenda.

Upon motion made by Mathew Hamilton and seconded by Elaine Fiore, following discussion and a 5 to 0 to 1 vote, it was –

VOTED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2007 as amended.

Mr. Baughman abstained from voting on the motion; all other members present and voting supported it.

The Committee reviewed the articles on the special town meeting warrant.

Upon motion made by Mathew Hamilton and seconded by Frederick Baughman, following discussion and a 4 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To recommend favorable action on **Article 1** which asks the Town for special legislation for a new access ramp to Route 3.

Elaine Fiore recused herself from the discussion and vote on Article 1.

Upon motion made by Claire Soares and seconded by Elaine Fiore, following discussion, it was unanimously –

VOTED: To recommend favorable action on **Article 2** which asks the Town to establish a special Stabilization Fund for Smart Growth Zoning.

Upon motion made by Jason Lelio and seconded by Frederick Baughman, following discussion, it was unanimously –

VOTED: To recommend favorable action on **Article 3** which asks the Town to accept Chapter 90 state aid.

Upon motion made by Frederick Baughman and seconded by Mathew Hamilton, following discussion, it was unanimously –

VOTED: To recommend favorable action on **Article 4** which asks the Town to amend the wording of the capital plan for emergency repairs.

Upon motion made by Mathew Hamilton and seconded by Jason Lelio, following discussion, it was unanimously –

VOTED: To recommend favorable action on **Article 5** which asks the Town to rezone the site of the old Town House on Green Street for business use.

Upon motion made by Mathew Hamilton and seconded by Claire Soares, following discussion, it was unanimously –

VOTED: To recommend favorable action on **Article 6** which asks the Town to rescind unissued debt.

Upon motion made by Frederick Baughman and seconded by Jason Lelio, following discussion, it was unanimously –

VOTED: To recommend favorable action on **Article 7** which asks the Town to reduce the membership of the Finance Committee from nine to seven.

Upon motion made by Mathew Hamilton and seconded by Frederick Baughman, following discussion and a 4 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To recommend favorable action on **Article 8** which asks the Town to amend the language voted under Article 7 at the last annual town meeting so as to allow internal borrowing.

Elaine Fiore recused herself from the discussion and vote on Article 8.

The Committee noted there will be no motion on a proposed article asking to accept a portion of Hillcrest Road.

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

VOTED: To transfer \$675 from the Reserve Fund to the Recreation Commission's FY08 expense budget to pay the cost of cleaning the air duct at the restaurant at Gray's Beach as ordered by the Board of Health.

There was discussion of the Committee's encouraging all departments to adopt available technical efficiencies.

Mr. Baughman reported that he is resigning from the Finance Committee because he will be out of town at least 6 months of the year. The members expressed their regret that he is resigning.

Upon motion made by Claire Soares and seconded by Elaine Fiore, following discussion, it was unanimously—

VOTED: To elect Mathew Hamilton as Vice Chairman to succeed Mr. Baughman.

There being no further discussion or vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam MacInnis
Secretary