

TOWN OF KINGSTON

MASSACHUSETTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes

15 December 2005

A meeting of the Kingston Finance Committee was opened by Chairperson Jean Landis Naumann at 7:30 PM at the Kingston Town Hall on 15 December 2005. Also present were Frederick Baughman, Richard Gardner, Mathew Hamilton, Jason Lelio, Judythe Lewis, and Maurice Simard.

Tax Collector Priscilla Palombo met with the Committee to review her FY2007 budget request. Richard Gardner noted that the Collector omitted from her request a \$1000 which is needed to cover the stipend she is due for attaining certification.

Upon motion made by Richard Gardner and seconded by Jason Lelio, following discussion, it was unanimously--

VOTED: To recommend appropriating \$109,756 for personal services and \$44,750 for expenses for a total appropriation of \$154,506 for the FY07 Collector's budget.

The Collector proposed combining the mailing of water and sewer bills with real estate tax bills to save expense. She left the meeting following the discussion of her budget.

The Committee noted the current mileage reimbursement figure during consideration of the Health Board's FY2007 budget request and a \$216 reduction in the Board's line item for travel and meetings.

Upon motion made by Jean Landis Naumann and seconded by Maurice Simard, following discussion, it was unanimously--

VOTED: To recommend appropriating \$103,283 for personal services and \$14,664 for expenses for a total appropriation of \$117,947 for the FY07 Health budget.

Upon motion made by Richard Gardner and seconded by Maurice Simard, following discussion, it was unanimously--

VOTED: To accept as corrected the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2005.

Recreation Director Susan Woodworth met with the Committee to review the Recreation Commission's FY2007 budget request.

Upon motion made by Maurice Simard and seconded by Mathew Hamilton, following discussion, it was unanimously-

VOTED: To recommend appropriating \$154,782 for personal services and \$88,769 for expenses for a total appropriation of \$243,551 for the FY07 Recreation budget;

And further, that one third of the FY07 budget appropriated for maintenance of playing fields should be funded by the Town; one third, by revenue from the cell tower; and one third, by user fees.

The Committee noted possible capital costs for a sewer connection, drainage system, and repair of the back steps at the Reed Community Building.

Ms. Woodworth left the meeting following the discussion.

Upon motion made by Jean Landis Naumann and seconded by Judythe Lewis, following discussion, it was unanimously--

VOTED: * To reappoint Mathew Hamilton to the ~~Capital Planning~~ Committee.

*as the Finance Committee's representative
Community Preservation Committee*

Judythe Lewis reported that --

- the Elementary School is looking at an increase of 8.91 per cent for the regular school day and 10.47 per cent for special education;
- Elementary School Committee Chairman Joseph Chaves has been advised that the Finance Committee is seeking level funding plus contractual and energy increases.

Frederick Baughman noted that funding for energy costs varies among departmental budgets. Mr. Baughman also reported on website training in which he participated. He agreed to put the Finance Committee's Minutes on the Committee's website in PDF form so they can't be changed.

Maurice Simard left the meeting at this time and the Committee reviewed small budgets of various town departments.

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

VOTED: To recommend appropriating \$100 for the Moderator's personal services and total budget.

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

*corrected by vote of the Finance Committee on 19 January 2006
M.M.*

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

VOTED: To recommend appropriating \$4,652 for the Finance Committee's personal services budget and \$3,000 for expenses for a total budget of \$7,652.

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

VOTED: To recommend appropriating \$75,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Upon motion made by Richard Gardner and seconded by Jason Lelio, following discussion, it was unanimously--

VOTED: To recommend appropriating \$410 for personal services for the Capital Planning Committee.

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

VOTED: To recommend appropriating \$1,053 for personal services and \$50 for expenses for a total budget of \$1,103 for the Permanent Building Committee's FY2007 budget.

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

VOTED: To recommend appropriating \$2,934 for personal services and \$1,150 for expenses for a total budget of \$4,084 for the Rent Control Committee's FY2007 budget.

Upon motion made by Frederick Baughman and seconded by Judythe Lewis, following discussion, it was unanimously--

VOTED: To recommend appropriating \$6,686 for personal services and \$1,507 for expenses for a total budget of \$8,193 for the FY2007 budget for the Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Upon motion made by Richard Gardner and seconded by Frederick Baughman, following discussion, it was unanimously--

VOTED: To recommend appropriating \$324 for expenses and for a total budget for the Historical Commission.

Jason Lelio agreed to address the Commission's request for additional funding for new proposals including preservation and to suggest to the Commission that it look into the provisions of the Community Preservation Act and to invite the Commission to meet with the Commission.

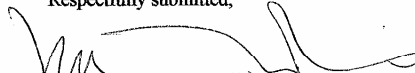
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Upon motion made by Mathew Hamilton and seconded by Judythe Lewis, following discussion, it was unanimously--

VOTED: To recommend appropriating \$270 for expenses and for a total budget for the Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Service.

There being no further discussion or vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miriam MacInnis', written in a cursive style.

Miriam MacInnis, Secretary