

TOWN OF KINGSTON

MASSACHUSETTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes
January 8, 2009

Chairman Mathew Hamilton opened a meeting of the Finance Committee at 7:35 PM on 8 January 2009 at the Kingston Town Hall. Also present were Elaine Fiore, Lawrence Hunt, John LaBrache, Jason Lelio, Paul Ricci, and Claire Soares.

Upon motion made by Lawrence Hunt and seconded by Elaine Fiore, following discussion, it was voted---

VOTED: To recommend a personal services budget of \$598,616 and an expense budget of \$308,532 for a total FY10 budget of \$907,148 for General Highways.

John LaBrache opposed the motion; all other members present and voted supported it.

Upon motion made by Elaine Fiore and seconded by John LaBrache, following discussion, it was voted ---

VOTED: To recommend a personal services budget of \$50,000 and an expense budget of \$75,000 for a total FY10 budget of \$125,000 for Snow & Ice.

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

Upon motion made by Elaine Fiore and seconded by Jason Lelio, following discussion, it was unanimously ____

VOTED: To recommend an expense budget of \$39,000 for a total FY10 budget of \$39,000 for Street Lighting.

Selectmen Jean Landis-Naumann introduced members of the Recycling Committee. Members of this committee gave a presentation, with handouts entitled “Trash = Cash” and a paper entitled “Wellesley Department of Public Works, Recycling and Disposal Facility, Fiscal Year 2008 – Annual Report”.

Basically this committee is preparing the FinCom for an article in the spring town meeting for a recycling coordinator they will be requesting, somewhere in the \$30,000 bracket. They are going to Wage and Personal for this position. They feel it will actually save money in the future, and noted that Kingston has the lowest percentages for recycling on the south shore.

Members of the FinCom expressed concern that numbers to justify their position came from a report of the Wellesley Department of Public Works, dated fiscal year 2008 – Annual Report. They feel their request should be based on the current economic situation, and revenues. Also Jason asked for additional information regarding projections.

Bill Martin, Director of Veteran’s Services came before the Committee for a request for transfer under a line item entitled “Medical/Ordinary Benefits” in his other expense category. His original request was in the amount of \$64,000, however it was suggested by Kevin Donovan that he request what is needed for his January warrant at this time.

A motion was made by Elaine Fiore and seconded by John LaBrache in the amount of \$21,000 for Veteran’s Services, Medical/Ordinary Benefits, Other Expenses. It was voted unanimously---

Both the Conservation Commission budget and Planning Board budget were tabled to Feb 12, 2009 agenda.

John LaBrache passed out a memo entitled “Town Hall Reduction in Hours”. The first column of this report represents a 7% budget cut in the personal category, which equals to a 2.5 hour per week reduction. It is listed by department; type of position; and initials of person currently holding that position.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Jason Lelio and seconded by Elaine Fiore to recommend the 7% reduction.

John LaBrache opposed this motion; all other members present and voting supported it.

It has been requested that we receive the agenda for our next meeting at least two days in advance.

There being no further discussion or vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

(Helen) Claire Soares
Secretary pro tem