

**TOWN OF KINGSTON**

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes**  
**4 April 2009**

Chairman Mathew Hamilton opened a meeting of the Finance Committee at 8:45 AM on 4 April 2009 at the Kingston Intermediate School Library. Members present were Elaine Fiore, Lawrence Hunt, John LaBrache, Jason Lelio, Paul Ricci, and Claire Soares.

The Committee reviewed articles on the special and annual town meeting warrants.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on adding \$30,000 to the Fire Department's personnel services budget for overtime as requested in Article 1 of the special town meeting warrant.

Noting this day is the last town meeting over which she will preside, Moderator Frances Hoeg spoke to the Committee members who are all her appointees.

At 8:55 PM the Committee adjourned to the school auditorium for the town meetings.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on transferring \$27,500 to fund the FY09 portion of the contract negotiated between the Town and the KTEU.

A motion, made by Claire Soares and seconded by Elaine Fiore, to recommend favorable action on Part 6 of Article 13 of the annual town meeting warrant failed on a 3 to 4 vote. The motion pertained to using community preservation funds for the purchase and restoration of the Holmes/Watson Boatyard.

Matthew Hamilton, John LaBrache, and Claire Soares supported the motion; Elaine Fiore, Lawrence Hunt, Jason Lelio, and Paul Ricci opposed it.

Upon motion made by Lawrence Hunt and seconded by Elaine Fiore, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend unfavorable action on an amendment to Part 6 of Article 13 of the annual town meeting warrant asking that the town acquire the Holmes/Watson boatyard on Landing Road.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on Part 8 of Article 13 of the annual town meeting warrant as amended pertaining to using Community Preservation Funds and Open Space Reserve Funds to acquire title to and restore a portion of the Triphammer property.

Lawrence Hunt left the meeting prior to consideration of Article 18 of the annual town meeting warrant.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on Article 18 of the annual town meeting warrant pertaining to changing the date of the town election to the first Saturday of May.?

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

**VOTED:** To recommend unfavorable action on a motion made on Article 25 of the annual warrant asking to sell two town-owned lots on Thomas Street.

John LaBrache abstained from voting on the motion; all other members present and voting opposed it.

There being no further vote, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM., simultaneously with the adjournment of the annual town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam MacInnis, Secretary