

# TOWN OF KINGSTON

## MASSACHUSETTS

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### **Minutes** **7 May 2009**

Chairman Mathew Hamilton opened a meeting of the Finance Committee at 7:00 PM on 7 May 2009 at the Kingston Town Hall. Members present were Elaine Fiore, Lawrence Hunt, John LaBrache, Jason Lelio, and Paul Ricci. Claire Soares was absent. Elementary School Committee members Eric Crone, Christopher Mamakos, and School Superintendent John Tuffy and many members of the public.

Jason Lelio explained the Finance Committees approach to the school budget and discussed areas in it which he thought could provide savings. He asked that the school's share of the federal stimulus money be allowed to benefit the taxpayers. Mr. LaBrache reported that the \$166,000 stimulus money had already been factored into the Finance Committee's calculations on the school and advised that an additional \$50,000 will be needed to pay unemployment benefits.

Mr. Tuffy advised that one of the school unions may be willing to accept a wage freeze but the union would have to vote before it would be certain.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend \$10,296,079 for the school budget if there is acceptance of the wage freeze and \$10,202,529 if there is not.

The Chairman reported the Harbormaster's budget and Conservation budget will have to be voted at the next meeting.

It was noted that ==

allocated costs for water and sewer have to be increased.

The Highway Superintendent has asked Selectmen to increase transfer station fees.

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

**VOTED:** To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2009 as amended.

Jason Lelio abstained from voting on the motion; all others supported it.

Mr. LaBrache said he will discuss the Conservation Commission budget with the Agent and Ms. Fiore said she will pursue the legal costs in the enterprise funds with the Town Administrator.

There being no further discussion or vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam MacInnis, Secretary