

**TOWN OF KINGSTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes
18 September 2008

Chairman Mathew Hamilton opened a meeting of the Finance Committee at 7:35 PM on 2008 at the Kingston Town Hall. Also present were Elaine Fiore, John LaBrache, Lawrence Hunt, and Jason Lelio. Paul Ricci and Claire Soares were absent.

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

VOTED To accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 August 2008 as corrected.

Jason Lelio abstained from voting on the motion. All other members supported it.

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

VOTED To table the Fire Chief's request for a transfer of \$12,000 from the Reserve Fund while it seeks a copy of the bill for repairs to technology equipment at the Smith's Lane fire station, information about whether there is insurance coverage for the damage done, whether there are lightning rods on the stations, and whether the antennae and buildings are grounded.

The Committee reviewed the items on the agenda.

There was discussion of implementing a proposal for collections to be sent to a lock box and of possible savings resulting from positions lost by attrition.

The Committee reviewed articles on the special town meeting warrant.

Upon motion made by Jason Lelio and seconded by Lawrence Hunt, following discussion, it was –

VOTED: To recommend favorable action on Article 1 pertaining to supplementing FY09 budgets

John LaBrache abstained from voting on the motion; all other members supported it.

Upon motion made by Lawrence Hunt and seconded by John LaBrache, following discussion, it was –

VOTED: To recommend favorable action on Article 2
pertaining to capital expenditures.

Elaine Fiore opposed the motion; all other members supported it.

Upon motion made by Lawrence Hunt and seconded by Jason Lelio, following discussion, it was –

VOTED: To recommend favorable action on Article 3
pertaining to an increase in the Treasurer's salary.

Elaine Fiore and John LaBrache recused themselves from the discussion and vote on the motion. All other members supported it.

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

VOTED: To recommend favorable action on Article 11
pertaining to reducing the percentage assessed under
the Community Preservation Act.

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

VOTED: To recommend unfavorable action on Article 12
pertaining to borrowing for water meters.

John LaBrache opposed the motion. All other members supported it.

Upon motion made by Jason Lelio and seconded by Lawrence Hunt, following discussion, it was unanimously–

VOTED: To recommend unfavorable action on Article 13
pertaining to funding a classification study.

The Committee reviewed the school committee's request for an additional \$27,940 and noted there is no funding source for such a request.

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

VOTED: To recommend unfavorable action on the school committee's request for an additional \$27,940 for FY09 should it be proposed.

The Committee did not make recommendations on any other article.

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

VOTED: To authorize payment of a \$12 bill due to Sign-A-Rama.

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

VOTED: To write to the Town Administrator asking how many Town employees would qualify for early retirement in each of the next five years if it were offered..

The Chairman announced the next Committee meetings will be held at 6:45 PM on 1 October 2008 and at 7:30 PM on 6 November 2008.

There being no further discussion or vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam MacInnis, Secretary

