

# TOWN OF KINGSTON

## MASSACHUSETTS

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes  
9 April 2007

Chairperson Judythe Lewis opened a meeting of the Finance Committee at 6:35 PM on 9 April 2007 at the Kingston Intermediate School. Also present were Frederick Baughman, Elaine Fiore, Mathew Hamilton, Jason Lelio and Claire Soares.

The Committee reviewed articles on the town meeting warrants.

Judythe Lewis reported the motion for Article 21 pertaining to use of the Community Preservation Fund will request approval for five projects.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend transferring  
\$250,533 from the Community Preservation Fund to  
be expended for preservation of the Frederic C.  
Adams Library Building.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend transferring \$25,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to be expended for a town-wide archaeological survey.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend transferring \$9,800 from the Community Preservation Fund to be expended for digitizing the local history collection.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend transferring \$8,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to be expended for a structural study of the Bradford House.

A motion made by Elaine Fiore and seconded by Mathew Hamilton to recommend favorable action on authorizing exploratory negotiations with owners of the MacFarlane property and the National Wildlands Trust failed on a 3 to 3 vote. Frederick Baughman, Jason Lelio, and Judythe Lewis opposed the motion; Elaine Fiore, Mathew Hamilton, and Claire Soares supported it.

Upon motion made by Frederick Baughman and seconded by Elaine Fiore, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on Article 27 pertaining to a change in the quorum required for town meeting action.

Judythe Lewis reported that the Treasurer is expected to amend the motion.

There was discussion of Article 43 pertaining to amending the CPA percentage.

Upon motion made by Frederick Baughman and seconded by Elaine Fiore, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend amending the CPA percentage to 2 percent.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend unfavorable action on Article 31 requesting sale of the Maple Avenue School.

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

**VOTED:** To authorize payment of \$84.14 to the Community Newspapers, Inc. for publication of a legal advertisement.

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

**VOTED:** To authorize payment of \$910 to the Country Press Inc., for printing the town meeting booklet.

Mathew Hamilton reported that the Capital Planning Committee voted 2 to 1 in favor of the 40R article and opposed the sale of the Maple Avenue School.

At 7:15 pm the Committee adjourned to the school auditorium, reopened its meeting, and remained in session concurrently with the town meeting.

At 11:05 pm the Committee adjourned concurrently with the adjournment of the town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam MacInnis, Secretary