

**TOWN OF KINGSTON  
MASSACHUSETTS  
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes**

**15 September 2005**

Chairperson Jean Landis Naumann opened a meeting of the Kingston Finance Committee at 7:30 PM on 15 September 2005 at the Kingston Town Hall. Also present were Richard Gardner, Mathew Hamilton, Jason Lelio, Judythe Lewis, and Maurice Simard. Frederick Baughman and Mary Lou Thimas were absent.

Jean Landis Naumann reported that --

- Kathy Voigt has volunteered to serve as the Finance Committee's delegate to the Audit Committee and it was agreed to invite her to attend the Committee's next meeting ;
- Mary Lou Thimas expressed her intent to resign from the Committee;
- her resignation would leave two vacancies on the Finance Committee;
- there will be a meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee on 28 September.

The Committee noted items listed on the agenda.

Maurice Simard reported that the Town Government Study Committee voted to recommend that there be no change in the dates for the annual town meeting and town election.

Upon motion made by Judythe Lewis and seconded by Mathew Hamilton, following discussion and a 4 to 0 to 1 vote, it was--

**VOTED:** To accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2005 as submitted.

Jean Landis Naumann abstained from voting on the motion. All other members present and voting supported it.

The Committee reviewed the 2007 budgets under the control of the Finance Committee.

Upon motion made by Richard Gardner and seconded by Maurice Simard, following discussion, it was unanimously--

**VOTED:** To recommend appropriating \$75,000 to the FY2007 Reserve Fund.

Upon motion made by Maurice Simard and seconded by Mathew Hamilton, following discussion, it was unanimously--

**VOTED:** To recommend appropriating \$7,539 to the FY2007 Finance Committee budget, \$4,539 of which would be for personal services and \$3,000 for expenses.

Upon motion made by Richard Gardner and seconded by Mathew Hamilton, following discussion, it was unanimously--

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**VOTED:** To recommend that fixed costs be level funded in FY2007 budgets but to reserve judgment on fuel and energy costs.

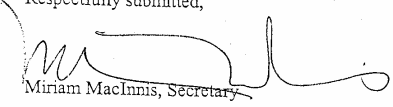
The Committee reviewed the Warrant for the special town meeting to be held on 24 October 2005 and questioned the requests made by the Kingston Youth Sports Organization, the Library Trustees, the Board of Assessors, and the Fire Chief.

There was discussion of the Treasurer's comments, criticisms, and suggestions of the Committee's five-year plan. There was no proposal made to make any changes in the plan.

There was discussion of repeating last year's process of holding joint meetings with Silver Lake administrators and with chairmen of the Finance Committees of the three Silver Lake towns for the purpose of reaching a consensus on the regional school's FY2007 budget.

There being no further discussion or vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Miriam MacInnis, Secretary