

**TOWN OF KINGSTON  
MASSACHUSETTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes  
20 May 2010**

Chairman Elaine Fiore opened a meeting of the Finance Committee at 7:00 PM on 20 May 2010 at the Kingston Town Hall. Also present were Mathew Hamilton, David Lofstrom, Paul Ricci, and Claire Soares. Lawrence Hunt and Jason Lelio were absent.

Elaine Fiore reported that Assistant Assessor James Judge has increased his new growth figure by \$75,000 and that the Town Administrator has advised that \$9,000 of that needs to be added to the \$81,000 set aside to fund union contracts now being negotiated.

Upon motion made by Mathew Hamilton and seconded by Paul Ricci, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend a personal services budget of \$154,405 and an expense budget of \$100,127 for a total FY11 Recreation Department budget of \$254,532 and further

**VOTED:** To accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2010 as corrected.

Upon motion made by Elaine Fiore and seconded by Mathew Hamilton, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2010 as submitted.

Elaine Fiore reported that –

- the Stabilization Fund is now \$1,260,500;
- the Reserve Fund currently has a balance of \$52,000;
- Halifax and Plympton both have voted to accept the Silver Lake Regional School budget.

The Committee reviewed articles on the Annual Town meeting Warrant that require the Finance Committee's recommendation and discussed the merits of each.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on **Article 9** pertaining to a transfer of funds to the Stabilization Fund.

The Committee agreed that it did not need to make a recommendation on Articles 15, 28, 32, 35, and 36.

Upon motion made by Mathew Hamilton and seconded by David Lofstrom, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on **Article 38** pertaining to the FY11 operating budget.

Upon motion made by Mathew Hamilton and seconded by David Lofstrom, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on **Article 39** pertaining to Chapter 90 funds.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on **Article 40** pertaining to the budget for the Water Department Enterprise Fund.

Elaine Fiore recused herself from participating in both the discussion and vote; all other members supported it.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on **Article 41** pertaining to the Water Distribution System.

Elaine Fiore recused herself from participating in both the discussion and vote; all other members supported it.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on **Article 42** pertaining to the budget for the Sewer Department Enterprise Fund.

Elaine Fiore recused herself from participating in both the discussion and vote; all other members supported it.

Upon motion made by Mathew Hamilton and seconded by David Lofstrom, following discussion, it was—

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on **Article 43** pertaining to the sewer revenue appropriation.

Elaine Fiore recused herself from participating in both the discussion and vote; all other members supported it.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on **Article 44** pertaining to the budget for the Sewer Department Capital Improvements.

Elaine Fiore recused herself from participating in both the discussion and vote; all other members supported it.

The Committee noted that **Article 45** has been withdrawn.

Upon motion made by Mathew Hamilton and seconded by David Lofstrom, following discussion, it was—

**VOTED:** To make a recommendation following the discussion at town meeting on **Article 46** which pertains to treating the Trackle Pond Well Site for manganese.

Elaine Fiore recused herself from participating in both the discussion and vote; all other members supported it.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on **Article 47** pertaining to elected officials' compensation.

Elaine Fiore recused herself from participating in both the discussion and vote; all other members supported it.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on **Article 48** pertaining to the Wage & Personnel Bylaw.

Upon motion made by Mathew Hamilton and seconded by David Lofstrom, following discussion, it was unanimously —

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on **Article 49** which pertains to capital equipment and projects with the exception of the engineering for restoration of Gray's Beach which is now in the Recreation Commission's budget.

The Committee noted that Article 50 has been withdrawn.

Upon motion made by Paul Ricci and seconded by Claire Soares, following discussion, it was unanimously—

**VOTED:** To recommend unfavorable action on **Article 51** pertaining to an assessment survey for historic districts.

It was noted that as yet there are no signed contracts to act on under **Article 52**.

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

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on Article 53 pertaining to revolving funds.

Upon motion made by Mathew Hamilton and seconded by Paul Ricci, following discussion, it was unanimously —

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on **Article 54** pertaining to establishing a Shellfish Mitigation Stabilization Fund.

Upon motion made by Mathew Hamilton and seconded by David Lofstrom, following discussion, it was unanimously —

**VOTED:** To recommend a personal services budget of \$1,500 and an expense budget of \$33,050 for a FY11 for a total FY11 budget of \$34,550 for the Community Preservation Committee.

Upon motion made by Mathew Hamilton and seconded by David Lofstrom, following discussion, it was unanimously —

**VOTED:** To recommend favorable action on **Article 55** pertaining to the Community Preservation Committee's budget.

The Committee noted its recommendations on **Article 56** pertaining to the Community Preservation Committee's proposals were voted on May 6 and 13, 2010.

The Committee noted the topics that Lawrence Hunt submitted for consideration by the Board of Selectmen and,

Upon motion made by Mathew Hamilton and seconded by Elaine Fiore, following discussion, it was unanimously —

**VOTED:** To discuss Mr. Hunt's the topics for consideration by the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting following the annual town meeting.

Upon motion made by Claire Soares and seconded by Paul Ricci, following discussion, it was unanimously —

**VOTED:** To recommend a personal services budget of \$400 for a total FY11 budget of \$400 for the Capital Planning Committee.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam MacInnis, Secretary