

**Finance Committee
North Reading High School, Guidance Room
Monday, June 3, 2013**

Present: Ms. Hurlbut, Mr. Kelliher, Mr. Wolpin, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Pulver, Mr. Koppelman, and Mr. Veneziano (6:20)

Absent: Mr. Duffy

Guest: Ms. Pavao, Finance Director, and Board of Selectmen Sean Delaney

Chair, Ms. Hurlbut, brought the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Members reviewed some of the Warrant Articles for updates or last minute changes.

A new dollar amount was given for Article 2.

Mr. Kelliher moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson; and it was voted unanimously in favor to reconsider Article 2.

Mr Kelliher moved to approve Article 2 – Snow & Ice Deficit, in the amount of \$124,131, funding source Free Cash. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Pulver moved, seconded by Mr. Wolpin; and it was voted 5-1-0, Mr. Kelliher against, to approve Article 3 - Appropriate Funds to the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund, in the amount of \$245,592.42, funding source Free Cash (\$45,592.42) & Employee Benefits (\$200,000).

Mr Wolpin moved, seconded by Mr. Pulver; and it was voted unanimously in favor to approve Article 7 – Appropriate Funds for expenses related to Police Detail Deficit, in the amount of \$41,111.00, funding source Police Dept. Operating Budget.

A dollar amount was determined for Article 12.

Mr. Wolpin moved to reconsider Article 12, seconded by Mr. Pulver, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Wolpin moved to approve Article 12 – Authorize Chapter 90 Highway Construction Funds, in the amount of \$747, 576. Mr. Pulver seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Wolpin moved to approve Article 13 – Prior Year Bills, in the amount of \$229.58. Mr. Pulver seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Wolpin moved to approve Article 14 – FY14 Operating Budget, in the amount of \$60,311,620.00, funding source Operating Budget including enterprise fund (\$52,399,184), debt (\$6,938,065), and sanitation (\$974,371). Mr. Pulver seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.

A dollar amount was determined for Article 16.

Mr. Kelliher moved to reconsider Article 16, seconded by Mr. Pulver, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Kelliher moved to approve Article 16 – Capital Expenditures, in the amount of \$1,167,500, funding source available funds and bonding. Mr. Pulver seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Wolpin moved to approve Article 18 – Transfer Funds to Solid Waste Stabilization Fund, in the amount of \$23,976.59, funding source FY13 Sanitation Budget. Mr. Pulver seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Pulver moved to not recommend Article 22 – Amend Code – General By-Laws – Chapter 104 – Local Fingerprint Submission Requirements for License Applicants. Mr. Koppelman seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Pulver didn't believe this would accomplish what it's meant to and would cause extra work for the Police Dept. and would be an extra cost to business owners. Members discussed that it would only be the owners that get fingerprinted not the employees in contact with people. Mr. Kelliher felt the motion was too broad. **Voted: 7-1-0, Mr. Veneziano against.**

Mr. Kelliher moved to approve Article 33 – Amend Code – Zoning By-Laws Article XXIV, Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers. Mr. Wolpin seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Wolpin moved to reconsider Accept MGL Chapter 32B, Section 20 – Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, seconded by Mr. Pulver, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Wolpin moved to approved Article 36 - Accept MGL Chapter 32B, Section 20 – Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund in the amount of \$154,475.00, funding source OPEB Stabilization Fund. Mr. Pulver seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Pulver moved to reconsider Appropriation of Bond Premiums to Reduce High/Middle School Project Borrowing Costs, seconded by Mr. Kelliher, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Pulver moved to approve Article 37 - Appropriation of Bond Premiums to Reduce High/Middle School Project Borrowing Costs, in the amount of \$4,692,047.89. Mr. Kelliher seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Members moved into Town Meeting at 6:50 pm

Article 20 – Fund Martin’s Pond Flood Mitigation

A short presentation was given by Janet Nicosia, a member of the Martin’s Pond Association. After the presentation, members were still unsure what exactly the remaining funds, previously matching money on a grant for a project that ultimately couldn’t be accomplished, would be used for. Members questioned whether these funds would be enough. If the motion doesn’t pass, the money will be held and can only be used for this purpose. Finance members said they would entertain a request in October when a more specific plan is determined.

Mr. Kelliher moved to not approve Article 20 – Fund Martin’s Pond Flood Mitigation, in the amount of \$199,389.50. Mr. Pulver seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Article 40 – Citizens Petition – Install Water Main and Fire Hydrant on Summit Road

The owner of 5 Summit Rd, a new house on the road, was the petitioner of this article. It was originally thought that the nearest fire hydrant to this new house was too far away for safety reasons. Fire Chief Warnock advised Town Meeting that the fire hydrant distance is within 500 ft and there is no safety hazard. The homeowner also stated that her shallow well is showing very high levels of radon and they would like the town to connect Town water to their house. To connect to this house would cost the town \$33,500.00. The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee were both not in favor of passing this article. This road is unaccepted and by allowing this, it may set a precedent for other homes on unaccepted streets in town. Mr. Warnock suggested that a hydrant be installed at Central St. and Summit, that would only cost the town \$4,000. A motion was made to amend the motion in favor of this suggestion.

Mr. Kelliher moved, seconded by Mr. Pulver to approve the amendment to this motion; and it was voted 4-4-0, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Veneziano, Mr. Wolpin and Mr. Pulver against.

Mr. Kelliher moved to postpone this motion indefinitely, seconded by Mr. Pulver, and it was voted 6-2-0, Mr. Wolpin and Mr. Pulver against.

Town Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Approved _____ Dated _____