

YARMOUTH FINANCE COMMITTEE
December 3, 2008
Conference Room A

Members Present: Chairman Patrick Foran, Clerk Carol Serafino, Betty-Jane Burkhardt, John Henderson, Peter Slovak, Randall Stiffler, Carlene Veara, and Dorothy Voelker

Members Absent: Vice Chairman Robert Kaiser

Staff: Town Administrator Robert Lawton

Chairman Foran called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m..

Minutes

On motion of Ms. Voelker, seconded by Mr. Stiffler, the minutes of the November 17, 2008, meeting were approved.

Committee Liaison Reports

DYRSD – Mr. Stiffler reported that the Superintendent presented four scenarios in the preliminary budget: a needs budget; a level-funded budget; a 5% and 10% reduction in expense items which do not include non-personnel areas or fixed cost areas. He reported that many questions were asked and some Committee members appeared not to be satisfied with what was presented. The School Committee decided that their December 15, 2008, meeting will be a workshop session on the budget.

Various Finance Committee members expressed concern that the School Committee appeared to have a different definition of “level funded” ... the bottom line is the same as last year. As the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for December 15th had been cancelled in order to meet with the School Committee, the Fincom members expressed interest in attending the “workshop”.

Mr. Lawton announced that the meeting to review the DY Facilities Report is scheduled for December 17, 2008, at 6:15 p.m. in the BOS Hearing Room. At 7 p.m., a meeting with the Cape Cod Tech staff will be held.

TECH – Mr. Henderson advised that he has had no communication from CCT to date. Mr. Lawton announced that an additional 17 DY students are expected to transfer to CCT. This will be a total of 191 students from DY. Due to the CCT agreement, Yarmouth must pay the additional money for the 19 students. Barnstable is down 18 ... from 218 to 200. Mashpee is the only other town with a significant increase ... 45 to 61.

Capital Budget - Ms. Veara announced that her review assignment on the Capital Budget Committee is recreation. She distributed copies of the Recreation Executive Summary for information purposes. A discussion followed regarding ways in which recreation could “carry-over” funds from year to year. Mr. Lawton advised that the Reserve for Appropriation is restricted to the Fire Department only. Money could be placed in a stabilization fund with an earmark to recreation, but this fund is controlled by voters. Grant funds cannot be put in a stabilization fund. Any unexpended funds in offset accounts are not carried over year to year.

Investment – Mr. Henderson reported that no date has been for the next meeting. He also suggested that the meeting be scheduled for about 4:30 p.m. rather than 3 p.m.

Personnel – Ms. Burkhardt advised there was nothing to report.

Town Administrator Items

Mr. Lawton announced/reviewed the following:

- ▶ Interviews for three candidates for the position of Chief of the Fire Department – 2 out of state and 1 in state are being scheduled. .
- ▶ A review of the School audit report will be provided by the Finance Director at our next meeting.
- ▶ Anticipated articles for the ATM.

FY 2010 Budget

Mr. Lawton distributed the 2010 budget books, which include two budgets ... one a level-funded budget and the other is an “override budget” which would attempt to reinstate funds cut (due to the decision of the Regional District meeting) from the original Town Meeting approved 2009 budget.

On motion of Ms. Burkhardt, seconded by Ms. Veara, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty-Jane Burkhardt, Recorder

Carol Serafino, Clerk