

MINUTES
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010
7:00 P.M.

HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
270 QUAKER MEETINGHOUSE ROAD
UPPER LEVEL
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Present: Hank Tuohy, Bill Diederling, Glenn Pare', Tom Hickey, Paul Sylvia, Paul Kilty, John Vibberts, Ellen Yaffe and Courtney Bridge

Also Present: Town Manager George H. Dunham; Chairman of the Board of Selectmen John Kennan, Selectmen Jim Pierce, Linell Grundman and Randy Hunt; Dave Merrill of the Sandwich Taxpayers Association; Mary Stanley of the Enterprise; SCT

**ITEM #2**  
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of Monday, January 11, 2010-

**\*MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. YAFFE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2010 AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY MR. VIBBERTS. VOTE – UNANIMOUS MR. TUOHY – ABSTAINING**

**Mr. Tuohy noted that Ms. Veronica Mooney submitted a letter to the Town Moderator resigning from the Committee.**

**Mr. Tuohy welcomed Ms. Courtney Bridge as the newest member of the Committee.**

**ITEM #3**  
**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Committee agreed to go into executive session immediately following this open public meeting to discuss collective bargaining.

Mr. Dunham gave an update and overview of Projected Revenues and Expenses – FY'11 (With 2009 LRP Assumptions & Selectmen FY'11 Budget Directives) (GHD Draft 2/8/2010); Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services, FY 2011 Local Aid Estimates for the Town of Sandwich; FY2011 Local Aid Assessments; FY'11 Budgets Totals (Noting that School Dep't amount includes Chapter 70 aid.) General Government Totals (not including School) FY'11 Budget instructions @ -1.0% and Draft Budget vs. Budget Instructions and Grand Total (including School); FY'11 Recommended General Government Budget (Summary of Significant Non-Personnel Related Budget Changes) (GHD Draft 2/8/2010).

General discussion.

Town Clerk Taylor White had some concerns about paying the bill (approximately \$24,000) for the recent Special Election but he has heard that the State will be covering it.

**ITEM #4**

Discussion on location and dates of future meetings-

After a general discussion, it was agreed that Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. are a better date and time for the Finance Committee to meet and room #2, lower level at the Sandwich Public Library is available.

**\*MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. YAFFE TO MEET ON TUESDAYS EVENINGS. SECONDED BY MR. VIBBERTS. VOTE – UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Tuohy noted that Mr. Dave Merrill is present on behalf of the Sandwich Taxpayers Association to hand out information which was put together by Mr. Richard Augustine of the S.T.A.

Mr. Kilty noted that the Finance Committee should be listening to the Town Manager, the School Committee and Department Heads. Something like this cannot be verified. We don't know the accuracy of this information. Sandwich Taxpayers Association should put this information on their web site. Mr. Kilty does not believe this information should be accepted by the Finance Committee tonight. The Finance Committee does not have a public forum and we should not be accepting the hand out.

Mr. Tuohy believes that the Committee should decide if it should accept it.

Ms. Yaffe noted that she does not know why the Committee is accepting this information. What is the purpose of this information?

Mr. Diederling mentioned that he is not a member of Sandwich Taxpayers Association but will try to answer this question. It was not without controversy at the time the 1<sup>st</sup> handout was presented to the Finance Committee many years ago under Mr. Sennott's Chairmanship. There is a data source on each page. Mr. Diederling thinks the intention is just informational.

**\*\*MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PARE' THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TABLE THIS ITEM BECAUSE IS IT NOT ON THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY MR. VIBBERTS. VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

**ITEM #5**

Discussion on Updates from Department Heads – Municipal and Schools

No updates at this time.

**ITEM #6**  
**ADJOURN**

7:45 p.m.

**\*MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PARE' TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND COMING OUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADJOURNMENT ONLY. SECONDED BY MR. VIBBERTS.**

**ROLE CALL VOTE: MS. BRIDGE – AYE; MS. YAFFE – AYE; MR. HICKEY – AYE; MR. SYLVIA – AYE; MR. PARE' – AYE; MR. KILTY – AYE; MR. VIBBERTS – AYE; MR. DIEDERING – AYE; MR. TUOHY – AYE.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Hanelt  
Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_