

Finance Committee Meeting

Minutes – October 16, 2013

Town Hall, Lower Level Hearing Room, 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Patricia-Lee Achorn, William Brack, Arnold Cohen, Gordon Gladstone, Charles Goodman, Alexander Korin, Ira Miller, Laura Nelson, Edward Philips (Hamilton)

Absent: Aaron Agulnek, Michael Fish

1. The first item on the agenda was an update on Brickstone Articles 2, 3, and 4.
2. Ben Puritz stated that the Selectmen were avoiding action on Rattlesnake Hill articles. They recognized that it would be beneficial to allow a longer period for processing the matters. A determination was to be made whether to proceed at a Special Town Meeting in March or hold over until the regular annual meeting in May. They recommend indefinite postponement on Articles 3 and 4. Town Counsel is researching the form of language to be taken on Article 2.
3. There was much discussion held on these articles.
4. Article 5. Sacred Heart Park Proposal – CPC Appropriation. Some legal issues. The earlier figure was \$70,245. The Committee needs the dollar amount.
5. Article 7. Funds for roadway improvements.
6. Ben Puritz stated that the Selectmen deferred taking a position. The working premise seeking to reallocate \$200,000 and balance as \$410,000 addressed at Annual Town Meeting Special within Annual. Opportunity to cover the balance with reallocation, not tax levy.
7. Article 9. Transfer funds to Stabilization Fund. The Selectmen voted \$300,000. Add to balance of \$120,000.
8. There was considerable discussion regarding Article 9. The bond rating at S&P and how much to go into a Stabilization Fund were some of the issues.
9. A **MOTION** was made by Ira Miller and **SECONDED** by Alex Korin to recommend Article 2 at Town Meeting.
10. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Nelson, Philips.
11. A **MOTION** was made by Alex Korin and **SECONDED** by Ira Miller to recommend indefinite postponement on Article 3.
12. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Nelson, Philips.
13. A **MOTION** was made by Alex Korin and **SECONDED** by Ira Miller to recommend indefinite postponement on Article 4.
14. **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

15. Article 5. Sacred Heart Park Proposal – CPC Appropriation.
16. There was some discussion regarding the additional cost for the project.
17. A **MOTION** was made by Alex Korin and **SECONDED** by Arnie Cohen to recommend Article 5 in the amount of \$80,000.
18. **VOTED:** 7-1-1. For: Achorn, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Korin, Miller, Philips. Against: Nelson. Abstain: Goodman.
19. Article 7. Funds for Roadway Improvements.
20. A **MOTION** was made by Alex Korin and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to recommend Article 7 at Town Meeting.
21. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Nelson Philips.
22. Article 9. Transfer Funds to the Stabilization Fund. The dollar amount is \$300,000.
23. A **MOTION** was made by Laura Nelson to move for indefinite postponement.
24. There was some discussion on this negative motion.
25. A **MOTION** was made by Ira Miller and **SECONDED** by Laura Nelson not to recommend Article 9.
26. There was considerable discussion on this motion.
27. **VOTED:** 4-5-0. For: Goodman, Korin, Miller, Nelson. Against: Achorn, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Philips.
28. A **MOTION** was made by Ted Philips and **SECONDED** by Arnie Cohen to recommend Article 9.
29. **VOTED:** 5-4-0. For: Achorn, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Philips. Against: Goodman, Korin, Miller, Nelson.
30. Article 12. Refuse disposal contract authorization. Has changes.
31. Article 10. 250th Anniversary Celebration. Recommendation by Selectmen to move forward with \$50,000 for the celebration. A meeting going on tonight in terms of issues whether there are other funding sources.
32. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to recommend Article 10 at Town Meeting.
33. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Nelson, Philips.

34. Recap of articles to be voted: Article 2. Rattlesnake Hill/Brickstone – Zoning By-Law Change. Recommendation at Town Meeting. Article 7. Funds for roadway improvements. Article 10. \$50,000 for 250th Anniversary Celebration. Meet at 7 p.m., October 28, prior to Open Warrant Meeting.
35. The next meeting will be on October 28, 2013.
36. It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to adjourn.
37. **VOTED:** 9-0-0.
38. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.