

Finance Committee Meeting

Minutes – April 2, 2014

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

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

Absent: Laura Nelson

1. The first item on the agenda was to review Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
2. Special within the Annual. Article 1. FY'14 Snow & Ice Deficit Appropriation. Selectmen did not take position.
3. Bill Fowler stated they were looking to try to cover \$284,000 in Reserve Fund. Ask the Assessor Overlay Fund for \$139,000 from there and cover this whole thing. Potential at boat launch. At end of year some boards have some overage on advertising.
4. There was some discussion on Special Article 1.
5. A **MOTION** was made by Ted Philips and **SECONDED** by Aaron Agulnek on Special Article 1 to make recommendation at Town Meeting.
6. **VOTED:** 6-2-1. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Philips. Against: Korin, Miller. Abstain: Goodman.
7. Ted Philips was doing the write-up on Snow & Ice.
8. Annual Town Meeting
9. Article 1. RSH Brickstone – Zoning By-Law Change. Article 2. RSH Brickstone – General By-Law Change. Article 3. RSH Brickstone – Accept Gift & Purchase. As group regarding Brickstone. Article 1 Zoning write-up by Arnie Cohen. The CPC meets tomorrow night and Planning Board meets on April 9 on carry over. The Development Agreement has been signed. They are entertaining at least two amendments to it.
10. A **MOTION** was made by Ted Philips and **SECONDED** by Ira Miller to recommend Article 1 at Town Meeting.
11. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
12. A **MOTION** was made by Ted Philips and **SECONDED** by Ira Miller to recommend Article 2 at Town Meeting.
13. Bill Brack stated that the committee voted to make recommendation at Town Meeting on Article 1. One item was to have update on 40b which will be in Executive Session on Monday night. A revised

Development Agreement. The outcome of CPC and Planning Board. Exhibits to Development Agreement.

14. There was some discussion on the motion.
15. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
16. A **MOTION** was made by Ted Philips and **SECONDED** by Alex Korin to recommend Article 3 at Town Meeting.
17. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
18. Article 4. Personnel By-Law.
19. A **MOTION** was made by Ted Philips and **SECONDED** by Aaron Agulnek to recommend Article 4 as written.
20. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
21. Article 5. Budgets/Compensation of Elected Officials.
22. School Committee voted prior to coming to the Finance Committee. Board of Selectmen has not been changed. All sectors came before the Finance Committee.
23. Recap sheet for FY'15. Bill Brack assembled spread sheet with budget requests that were received. Finance Committee. Moderator, Personnel Board, Conservation Commission, Lake Management, and Zoning Board of Appeals same as FY'14. Town Clerk, \$156,485, a slight reduction from last year because of end of year codification. Board of Health, \$163,604. \$11,574 is net that hasn't been allocated.
24. Bill Brack suggested long term planning. Discussion with Tim Farmer. We should have some flexibility if town had long term or strategic planning.
25. A **MOTION** was made by Ira Miller and **SECONDED** by Arnie Cohen to recommend putting in the Finance Committee sector budget line \$498,604, 2.38%, \$25,092 increase over FY'14. Finance Committee sector budget 2.38% increase over FY'14 appropriation by only two departments going up, Finance Committee and Board of Health, and Town Clerk going down.
26. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
27. Town Clerk salary \$77,108, \$2,900 increase. 4.02% increase, 2% plus executive achievement.
28. A **MOTION** was made by Ira Miller and **SECONDED** by Alex Korin to recommend the Town Clerk's salary in the amount of \$77,108.
29. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.

30. A **MOTION** was made by Ted Philips and **SECONDED** by Aaron Agulnek to recommend the School Committee and Selectmen's budgets as presented in Article 5.
31. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
32. Article 6. Public Safety Building Funding.
33. A **MOTION** was made by Ted Philips and **SECONDED** by Aaron Agulnek to recommend support of the Public Safety Building funding.
34. Standing Building Committee voted unanimously. Requested amount \$24,750,000 adequate to fund project as designed.
35. Annual increase of \$1.8M. Annual tax increase of \$284.
36. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
37. Article 7. Finance Committee Members. Hold.
38. Article 8. Deferred Benefits.
39. There was some discussion on the amount for Article 8.
40. Priorities meeting on April 16.
41. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to recommend in favor of Article 8 not to exceed \$45,000.
42. **VOTED:** 7-1-1. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Philips. Against: Miller. Abstain: Korin.
43. Article 9. OPEB Funds.
44. Allow town to create an OPEB Trust and then put money in it. Priorities funded \$50,000.
45. A **MOTION** was made by Ira Miller and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to recommend in favor of Article 9.
46. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
47. Article 10. Capital Outlay Articles.
48. A **MOTION** was made by Alex Korin and **SECONDED** by Gordon Gladstone to recommend in favor of Article 10.
49. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
50. Article 11. Library Feasibility Study Authorization.

51. A **MOTION** was made by Ted Philips and **SECONDED** by Aaron Agulnek to recommend in favor of Article 11.
52. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
53. Article 12. Library Authorization to Apply for a Planning & Design Grant.
54. A **MOTION** was made by Ted Philips and **SECONDED** by Aaron Agulnek to recommend in favor of Article 12.
55. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
56. Article 13. Norfolk County Retirement.
57. Pro forma article. \$2.8M. That number is light. Priorities discussing.
58. A **MOTION** was made by Aaron Agulnek and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to recommend in favor of Article 13.
59. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
60. Article 14. Stabilization Fund Addition.
61. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to recommend in favor of Article 14 not to exceed \$100,000.
62. **VOTED:** 7-2-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Philips. Against: Korin, Miller.
63. Article 15. Unemployment. (Fixed and Uncontrollable)
64. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone and **SECONDED** by Alex Korin to recommend in favor of Article 15 in the estimated amount of \$75,000.
65. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
66. Article 16. Sharon Friends School Fund Records & Appointments.
67. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to recommend in favor of Article 16.
68. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
69. Article 17. Act Upon Reports.
70. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to recommend in favor of Article 17.

71. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
72. Article 18. Annual Audit.
73. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to recommend in favor of Article 18.
74. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
75. Article 19. Property Tax Exemptions – Veterans, Blind, Disabled and others qualified. Voted in favor at last meeting.
76. Article 20. Medical Marijuana Zoning By-Law Change.
77. A **MOTION** was made by Ira Miller and **SECONDED** by Alex Korin to recommend Article 20 at Town Meeting.
78. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
79. Bill Brack to do write-up.
80. Article 21. CPC Annual Funding – Administrative. Operating expense side. Substantive Community Center gate, pergola. Window repair housing. Rattlesnake Hill has been taken into Article 3. Authorization to raise and spend \$3M from CPC in Article 3.
81. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone and **SECONDED** by Alex Korin to recommend in favor of salaries and budget in the amount of \$20,000.
82. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
83. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone and **SECONDED** by Ira Miller to not fund the Community Center gate in the amount of \$137,000.
84. **VOTED:** 8-1-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Korin, Miller, Philips. Against: Goodman.
85. Gordon Gladstone is doing Article 21 write-up.
86. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to recommend the pergola in the amount of \$40,000.
87. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
88. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to recommend the windows in the amount of \$116,000.
89. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.

90. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to recommend the library windows in the amount of \$25,000.
91. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
92. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to recommend the Annual Funding in the amount of \$450,000; \$20,000 Administrative. The balance of FY'15 goes to reserves. Individual items come out of reserves: \$45,000 Open Space; \$45,000 Historical; \$45,000 Housing; \$295,000 General.
93. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
94. Article 22. Revolving Fund Authorizations.
95. A **MOTION** was made by Ted Philips and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to recommend in favor of Article 22 as written.
96. **VOTED:** 9-0-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips.
97. Article 23. Citizen Petition – encourages town officials to promote measures that conserve vital water and energy resources, and minimize carbon emissions.
98. A **MOTION** was made by Ira Miller and **SECONDED** by Alex Korin to recommend in favor of Article 23.
99. **VOTED:** 8-1-0. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Brack, Cohen, Gladstone, Korin, Miller, Philips. Against: Goodman.
100. Article 24. Citizen Petition – request that the Board of Selectmen write to President Obama, asking him to instruct the Surgeon General of the United States to prepare a report on Dental Amalgam Health.
101. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to not support Article 24.
102. **VOTED:** 8-0-1. For: Achorn, Agulnek, Cohen, Gladstone, Goodman, Korin, Miller, Philips. Abstain: Brack.
103. A **MOTION** was made by Ted Philips and **SECONDED** by Gordon Gladstone in support of Question 1.
104. There was some discussion on the motion.
105. The motion was withdrawn.
106. The Planning Board is meeting on April 9, Community Preservation Committee tomorrow night.

107. Bill Fowler to get schedule of payouts of current retirees and schedule of level debt and level funding.
108. Meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at 8 p.m. on Brickstone. 2/3 on debt vs. ballot.
109. The next meeting will be April 7, Executive Session.
110. It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to adjourn.
111. **VOTED:** 9-0-0.
112. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.