

Finance Committee Meeting

October 12, 2016 7:30 PM EST
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229
900 Main Street
Millis, MA 02054

In Attendance:

Peter Jurmain, Chairman
Susan Vecchi, Vice Chairman
Craig Schultze, Clerk
Tayana Antin
Peter Berube
Jodie Garzon
Rich Molloy
Jerry Nunnaley
Doug Riley
Suzanne Kennedy, Town Administrator
Marc Conroy, School Committee
Paula Dumont, Assessors Department
Nate Maltinsky, CPC
James McKay, DPW
James Neville, Board of Selectmen

Peter Jurmain called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM

Revised Article List:

Town Counsel has advised the Board of Selectmen to delete Article #9 Collection of Parking Fines. The Articles will be renumbered accordingly.

Warrant Article Review:

Article #10 CPC (Community Preservation Committee) – Etchings Restoration:

Nate Maltinsky: This article will be funded by CPC funds: Historical or General CPC funds. The Currier and Ives etchings are from 1854 – 1866, it's an original series. They will be insured by the town's policy. Copies will be displayed in the Fire Station and the originals will be housed in the Library's Archive Room which is climate controlled.

The restoration cost ranges from \$6,000.00 - \$6,500.00 and framing is estimated at \$5,000.00.

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend approval of Article #10 CPC – Etchings Restoration in the amount of \$11,000.00 funded through the CPC; Jodie Garzon seconded. Vote: 9/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #6 Assessors – Change Minimum/Maximum Income Amount: Chapter 41C:
Article # 7 Assessors – Adopt Chapter 41D:

James Neville: The Board of Selectmen have opened and closed the Warrant this evening to make amendments to the above articles' wording under Town Counsel's advisement.

Article #11 Sewer Project:

James Neville: Area BIII includes Lower Village Street, Birch Street and a portion of Forest Road. Area F includes Orchard Street, Middlesex Street and Walnut Street. The project has been approved by the town's Sewer Committee. It was determined that the project could not legally include Heritage Path without eliminating their pump station. The Board of Selectmen voted not to include Heritage Path.

He advised the committee to anticipate amendments to this article at Town Meeting. Several Middlesex Street residents are resisting the project for several reasons including the Betterment Fee of approximately \$18,000.00.

The article includes design, permitting, construction and inspection. The cost for Area BIII is \$3,107,225.00 and Area F is \$3,944,754.00. Both will be funded by borrowing with repayment of 80% from Betterment Fees and 20% from User Fees.

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend approval of Article #11 Sewer Project in the amount of \$7,051,979.00 from borrowing; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 8/1 motion carries.

Article #19 Petitioned Article – Door Improvement at VMB:

There was discussion if the petition was worded correctly according to the state's law. Town Counsel will advise on this issue.

Article #6 Assessors – Change Minimum/Maximum Income Amount: Chapter 41C:

Paula Dumont: This article would change the minimum and maximum dollar amount qualifications for Chapter 41C for both single and married residents as follows:

Single:

Maximum Income: From \$13,000.00 to \$17,000.00

Maximum Assets: From \$28,000.00 to \$40,000.00

Married Couples:

Maximum Income: From \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00

Maximum Assets: From \$30,000.00 to \$55,000.00

Citizens over 70 would receive \$1,000.00 off their assessment and the town would be reimbursed \$500.00 on the Annual Cherry Sheet.

Article # 7 Assessors – Adopt 41D Clause:

This article would adopt the 41D Clause which would adjust income and asset limits of Chapter 41C according to the Consumer Price Index's COLA (Cost of Living Adjustments).

There was some discussion about the agency in which the COLA would be determined and the committee asked for further clarification.

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend approval of Article #6 Change Minimum/Maximum Income Amount: Chapter 41C; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 9/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #14 DPW – Deputy Director Vehicle:

James McKay: This article would pass down the Deputy Director's vehicle to the mechanic. The replacement is \$30,482.00 with trade in. This article would be funded (3) ways: Water Enterprise Fund, Sewer Enterprise Fund and General Fund.

Article #13 DPW – 1 Ton Dump Truck:

James McKay: This article would replace a 2006 dump truck with 135,000+ miles on it. The replacement amount is \$47,100.53. This article would be funded through the General Fund.

Article #12 Dean Street Water Main:

James McKay: This article replaces 2" water services to the houses located at #8 and #10 Dean Street and would be funded by Water Enterprise Funds.

The Cost are:

Construction:	\$37,695.00
Inspection:	\$ 8,250.00
Equipment:	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
Total:	<u>\$48,945.00</u>

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend approval of Article #12 Dean Street Water Main in the amount of \$48,945.00 funded by Water Enterprise Funds; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 9/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #15 School Roof Repairs – Clyde F. Brown School:

Marc Conroy: The repairs are expected to be approximately \$18,000.00. The School Committee has recommend dismissal of this article. It will be funded with Other School Funds.

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend dismissal of Article #14 School Roof Repairs; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 9/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #16 School – MS/HS Intercom Upgrade:

Marc Conroy: This article is \$12,000.00. The upgrade would make the system fully functional.

Article #2 SEIU Contract:

Suzanne Kennedy: This contract is settled and the amount of \$49,227.76 includes retroactive compensation for FY16 and FY17.

Article #3 Police Contract:

Suzanne Kennedy: The contract has not been settled. The amount of \$40,842.51 includes retroactive compensation for FY17.

Article #4 Police – Removal of Civil Service:

Suzanne Kennedy: The contract has not been settled.

Article #5 Land Swap:

Craig Schultze: This article is pending an Executive Office of Environmental Affairs decision.

Article #8 Establish Commission on Disability:

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend approval of Article #8 Establish Commission on Disability; Susan Vecchi seconded. Voter: 9/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #9 OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits):

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend dismissal of Article #9 OPEB; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 9/0 motion carries unanimously.

Article #17 Replenish Stabilization Fund:

Pending certification of Free Cash

Article #18 Repurchase Cemetery Lots:

Craig Schultze made a motion to recommend approval of Article #18 Repurchase Cemetery Lots in the amount of \$950.00 from Cemetery Funds; Susan Vecchi seconded. Vote: 9/0 motion carries unanimously.

Minutes Approval:

Susan Vecchi made a motion to approve the September 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes as written; Tayana Antin seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to rescind the prior vote, Tayana Antin seconded. Vote: 6/0 motion carries.

Susan Vecchi made a motion to approve the amendment of the September 14, 2016 to add Jerry Nunnaley as an attendant. Tayana Antin seconded. Vote: 7/0 motion carries.

Upcoming Meetings:

October 19, 2016 VMB Room 229 7:30 PM
October 26, 2016 VMB Room 229 7:30 PM
November 2, 2016 VMB Room 229 7:30 PM
November 7, 2016 Middle/High School Room 104 6:30 PM
Town Meeting: Monday November 7, 2016 7:30 PM

Adjourn:

Susan Vecchi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 PM; Jodie Garzon seconded. Vote 9/0 motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Gilmore