

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 18, 2003
Auditorium, Town Hall, Provincetown, MA 02657

Present: Chair Sue Buerkel, Jennifer Bedard, Tom Thurston, Rick Holland and Ruth Gilbert

Meeting was called to order at 6:05PM

Also present: Town Manager, Keith Bergman

Minutes of March 13, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept with the following changes: page 3, Tom Thurston will speak on ATM-4.2. page 4, correct spelling is Robert Caghill.

Ginny Ross arrived at 6:07PM

Moved: Tom Thurston, Seconded: Ginny Ross. Accepted unanimously 6:0:0.

Chair Sue Buerkel opened the Public Hearing on Capital Improvement Plan Articles in accordance with 9-2-4 of the Provincetown Charter.

There were no speakers and hearing was closed.

Continued Review of Special and Annual Town Meeting Articles

Town Manager, Keith Bergman handed out an updated article tally sheet and a memo dated March 18, 2003-April 7, 2003 Special & Annual Town Meeting Articles with Financial Implications.

Ann Maguire arrived at 6:18PM

ATM-29 Human Services Grants Program (David Eliseo)

Request of \$47,654, increase of \$1674 which reflects increases for those groups that have been level funded for years and for those groups that provide emergency housing funds because needs have increased. Cape Cod Human Services was only group that didn't apply this year, Gosnold has picked up a lot of those services. All groups that applied were given grants.

Motion to recommend as written. Ginny Ross moved, Ann Maguire seconded and it passed unanimously. 7:0:0. (Rick Holland)

General Discussion of Finances.

STM-6 Zoning Amendment: Highway Corridor Overlay District Rezoning

STM-7 Zoning Amendment: Highway Corridor Overlay District Uses and Dimensions

Motion to recommend as written. Rick Holland moved, Jennifer Bedard seconded and it passed unanimously. 7:0:0. (Rick Holland)

Question as to whether Finance Committee will have a quorum to vote on STM-10 was raised and many members are in the Real Estate business.

STM-11 Home Rule Petition/Land Bank Amendment/Affordable Housing in Provincetown

STM-12 Home Rule Petition/Land Bank Amendment/Open Space in Town of Provincetown

Motion to recommend as written. Ann Maguire moved, Ginny Ross seconded and it passed unanimously. 7:0:0. (Sue Buerkel)

STM-13 Home Rule Petition/Parking Violations in Town of Provincetown

Motion to recommend as written. Rick Holland moved, Ann Maguire seconded and it passed unanimously. 7:0:0. (Ann Maguire)

Rick Holland left meeting at 7:37PM

STM-20 MA Highway Dept Chapter 90 Funds for Road & Sidewalk Construction & Repairs
(\$33,744.94 and \$67,489.88)

Motion to recommend as written. Ruth Gilbert moved, Jennifer Bedard seconded and it passed unanimously. 6:0:0. (Jennifer Bedard)

STM-23 FY 2003 Budget Adjustments-transfers \$408,572

(Legal Services was not included in memo-\$47,625)

Motion to recommend as written. Tom Thurston moved, Ginny Ross seconded and it passed unanimously. 6:0:0. (Tom Thurston)

STM-22 FY 2003 Wastewater Enterprise Fund-shifts \$100,000

STM-24 Use of Old Article Balances to Reduce FY 2003 Property Tax-reduced by \$213,087.88

STM-25 Use of Free Cash to Reduce FY 2003 Property Tax-reduced by \$600,000

Motion to recommend as written. Jennifer Bedard moved, Tom Thurston seconded and it passed unanimously. 6:0:0.

(Jennifer Bedard)

Chair Sue Buerkel handed out Finance Committee message to Town Meeting from last year so members can begin to think about drafting this year's message.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Ginny Ross moved, Jennifer Bedard seconded and it passed unanimously. 6:0:0.

Meeting adjourned at 8PM