

Town of Bedford Finance Committee
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Bedford Town Hall

Date: February 28, 2013

Finance Committee Attendees: Mike Seibert, Chair; Stephen Steele, Vice-Chair; Meredith McCulloch, Barbara Perry, Tom Busa, Richard Bowen, Bob Kenney, Ben Thomas.

Other Attendees: Selectman: Mark Siegenthaler, William Moonan; School Committee: Ed Pierce; Planning Board: Jeffrey Cohen, Lisa Mustapich; Kim Siebert, The Bedford Citizen; Victor Garofalo, Finance Director, Treasurer/Collector; Joanne Monaghan, Recording Secretary for finance committee.

Attachments/Handouts: FY2014 Budget Model 3.4. Warrant for Annual Town Meeting (ATM).

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

Meeting Discussions and Actions:

1. Victor reviewed the Model 3.4 FY14 budget changes, which were approved at the meeting on February 14. There was discussion regarding the busing/transportation of homeless children to schools. Currently there are 60 children in this program and \$68k has been spent through December 2012. Rich expressed concern that there may not be enough funding in the 2014 budget for this expense, and recommended adding monies to the reserve fund even though the budget impact is not known at this time.
Rich made a motion to increase the FY14 FinComm budget reserve fund by \$71,345 and reduce the budget surplus by the same amount, seconded by Tom B. *Vote 8-0-0.*
2. Warrant Articles: The Bylaw committee reviewed the changes to Articles 6 through 15:
General Bylaw Amendments – Sign Bylaws.
Article 6- General Bylaw Amendment – Sign Bylaw, Miscellaneous. Rich made a motion to recommend approval of Article 6, seconded by Bob K. *Vote: 8-0-0.*
Article 7- General Bylaw Amendment – Sign Bylaw, Barber Pole Regulations. Rich made a motion to recommend approval of Article 7, seconded by Bob K. *Vote: 8-0-0*
Article 8- General Bylaw Amendment – Sign Bylaw, Definitions. Rich made a motion to recommend approval of Article 8, seconded by Barbara. *Vote: 8-0-0*
Article 9- General Bylaw Amendment – Sign Bylaw, Illumination. Rich made a motion to recommend approval of Article 9, seconded by Bob K. *Vote: 7-1-0.*
Article 10- General Bylaw Amendment – Sign Bylaw, Permitted Signs. Rich made a motion to recommend approval of Article 10, seconded by Bob K. *Vote: 8-0-0.*
Article 11- General Bylaw Amendment – Sign Bylaw, Prohibited Signs. Rich made a motion to recommend approval of Article 11, seconded by Bob K. *Vote: 8-0-0.*
Article 12- General Bylaw Amendment – Sign Bylaw, Residential Zones. Rich made a motion to recommend approval of Article 12, seconded by Bob K. *Vote: 7-1-0.*
Article 13- General Bylaw Amendment – Sign Bylaw, Business Zones. Rich made a motion to recommend approval of Article 13, seconded by Bob K. *Vote: 6-1-1.*
Article 14- General Bylaw Amendment – Sign Bylaw, Industrial Zones. Rich made a motion to recommend approval of Article 14, seconded by Bob K. *Vote: 8-0-0.*
Article 15- General Bylaw Amendment – Sign Bylaw, Special Considerations. Rich made a motion to recommend approval of Article 15, seconded by Bob K. *Vote: 8-0-0.*

3. Warrant Article FinComm assignments for Town Meeting:
Article 2, 3: Mike
Article 4: Meredith
Article 5: Steve S
Articles 6 through 15: Steve C
Article 16: Ben
Article 17: Rich B
Article 18: Steve S
Article 19: Rich B
Article 20: Barbara
Articles 21, 22: Meredith
Article 23: Bob
Article 24: Steve S
Articles 25, 26: Mike
Article 27: Steve S
Articles 28, 29: Rich B
Article 30: Ben
Articles 31, 32: Mike
4. Old/New Business: Bob K discussed the Vocational School projected number of students (26 students in 3 schools for FY14), and also reviewed the spending and number of students in the vocational schools from FY12 and FY13.
5. Meetings Attended: Steve C and Ben attended the Selectmen's meeting on February 19. Steve sent an email with highlights of the meeting. They discussed the final warrant, and the Great Road Underground Utilities Article, which was removed from the Warrant. They also accepted and voted for the FinCom FY14 recommended budget as of February 14. The School committee voted the FY14 budget that FinCom approved for the schools (\$34,214,568).
Steve C attended the Planning Board meeting on the Comprehensive Plan – Services and Facilities Plan on February 26. The Comp plan is proceeding with the goal to be adopted at Fall Town Meeting. More information is on the Planning Board website.
6. Open Discussion: none
7. Minutes: Motion was made by Barbara to approve the minutes for February 7, seconded by Steve S. *Vote 7-0-1.*
Motion was made by Barbara to approve the minutes as amended for February 14, seconded by Rich B. *Vote 6-0-2.*
8. Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34pm, seconded by Rich B. *Vote: 8-0-0.*

Finance Meeting Schedule: 2013-March 21 next meeting