

MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 14, 2015

Attendees: Aldo Cecchi, Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Bob DeVita, Charles Miklosovich, Chris Morin, Michael Nicholson, Jeff Niro, Jack Tennaro.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 9th meeting was made by Charles Miklosovich and seconded by Aldo Cecchi. Bob DeVita noted that the minutes should be amended to include that the Fincom had not received the written analysis from the School Committee pertaining to the school choice imbalance. Chairman Marc Schaen agreed to follow up at the next school committee meeting. Motion was made and approved unanimously to accept the amended minutes.

ARTICLE 10: (School Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from line items 155-5110, Information Technology, Personal Services and 155-5300, Information Technology General Expenses as voted under Article 4 of the May 18, 2015 Annual Town Meeting said sum to be transferred to line item 300-5510, School Department Personal Services as voted under said article, or take any other action in relation thereto.

155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

General Government

5110A Personal Services \$103,389

5300A General Expenses \$ 79,100

School Department

5110B Personal Services \$158,388

5300B General Expenses \$127,000

The School Committee has modified the article to the above language. Motion was made by Bob DeVita and seconded by Jeff Niro to vote favorable and unanimous vote supported the article.

Article 28: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds to be utilized to off-set operating, capital and debt expenses to fix the tax rate for fiscal year 2016, or take any other action in relation thereto.

FINCOM: Clarification was made that the Fincom can only recommend Favorable of Unfavorable on the \$2,800,000 that is being submitted by the Selectmen. A lengthy discussion on philosophy and sustainability was continued.

Discussion was held that if the article is being proposed as a return of \$2.8M that we actually return this and not offset the amount by moving spending to “raise and appropriate” which would negate the amount declared by raising taxes.

A list of possible expenses for the spring was submitted. This list was not reviewed as many of the items were not on the capital list discussed for the last six months and reviewed last week. The items included:

Fiske Mill Bridge	\$550K
Storm Water Mapping	\$125K
Plow Truck	\$180K
Louisa Lake Dam	\$150K
EPA Compliance	\$600K
GIS	<u>\$200K</u>
Total	\$1.8

A favorable motion was made by Mike Soares and seconded by Al Correia. The vote was defeated 6-3. An unfavorable motion was made by Phil Ciaramicoli and seconded by Jack Tennaro. The vote was approved 6-3.

ARTICLE 19 (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Amory Renovation Committee for the purpose of completing additional work to be the Youth Center site and to the building that was not in the original renovation contract for oversight and additional construction assistance from the Architect to cover additional time added to the project schedule, to cover additional Architect and Engineering services related to changes in the Scope of Work, and further, to see if the Town will vote to direct how said sum shall be raised whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended, or take any other action in relation thereto.

INFO: There was a mistake in the original Fincom report. The favorable vote was tabled and not approved at the last meeting. The final numbers are:

Architectural Engineering Services	\$48,515
Resident Architect	\$21,670
Paving	\$72,110
4 Rooms Finishing	\$17,770
Electric for 4 rooms	\$20,000
Kitchen Hood	\$ 9,000

Telecommunications	\$ 7,700
Permanent 25KW generator	\$40,500
Design of Permanent Generator	\$ 6,200
Contingency (10%)	<u>\$24,347</u>
	\$267,812

FINCOM: There was limited discussion as the generator is now within the range that was expected, the kitchen was explained as to be only for courses and not to be used for catering events.

ARTICLE 27: (Finance Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to be added to the Town's Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

INFO: The request was developed to transfer a total of \$3M total (stabilization account and \$750K into the short term capital account (including \$200K set aside for a new turf field).

FINCOM: The plan provided by the town accountant was reviewed again and agreed to.

A favorable motion was made by Aldo Cecchi and seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli and passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 23: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be utilized to replace the boiler and repair or remove the fireplace at the Purchase Street School, or take any other action in relation thereto.

INFO: We currently rent out this school to a daycare facility. During the last couple of weeks the 45 year old boiler failed. We also may have an issue with the chimney for the future. The current agreement is that the town nets approximately \$14,000 per year. This is the same tenant that we have for many years.

FINCOM: The Fincom was advised that we may only be able to collect \$8K per year due to a new rule that characterizes Day Care Centers as residential for tax purposes. Bob DeVita asked that Paul Abbondanza prepare a position paper to note all of the expenses anticipated versus selling the property and receiving \$8,000 per year in taxes with no expenses.