

Finance Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: November 10, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM in the Band Room, Amherst Regional Middle School.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Brian Morton (Chair), Kay Moran (Vice Chair), Marilyn Blaustein, Barry Federman, Doug Slaughter, Andy Steinberg, Marylou Theilman

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

John Musante

AGENDA

1. Article 9 – Vote position if article is not divided
2. Member Reports
3. Minutes
4. Next Meeting and Agenda
5. Miscellaneous

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

The Committee voted 7-0-0 to reconsider its recommendation of Article 9.
Moved by Slaughter and Seconded by Federman

The Committee voted 7-0-0 to take no position on Article 9 as the primary component is policy on which the Committee takes no position. The other parts to Article 9 are housekeeping which we support.

Moved by Moran and Seconded by Steinberg

The Committee voted 7-0-0 to recommend its original position if Article 9 were to be divided. Original position: Recommend A,B,D,E and No position on C.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed whether it should or should not vote to divide Article 9. Part C was considered policy and the Committee does not vote on policy. While the Committee liked the other parts of the Article it was decided not to take a position on the Article since the primary component dealt with policy.

Article 4, Transit Charges, was discussed. Musante explained that the Town would go back to UMass Transit to seek a contract review if costs continue to decline. Unused funds would go to the Transportation Fund surplus. Committee supported that, and Steinberg was asked to inform Town Meeting of the Committee's position if the issue were brought up at Town Meeting.

On Monday, 11/17, the Committee will discuss Larch Hill again as more information will be available. Morton will inform Town Meeting that the Committee will be meeting on that day to review the latest information and may reconsider its recommendation.

The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, November 17 at 6:45 in the Band Room at Amherst Regional Middle School.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:17 PM

Respectfully submitted
Marylou Theilman
Acting Clerk

APPROVED 11/17/09