

## **Finance Committee Minutes, Nov. 10, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m. in the Band Room of the Amherst-Pelham Regional Middle School.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gary Abbott, Phil Jackson, Kay Moran (Vice-Chair), Doug Slaughter, Andy Steinberg (Chair), Marylou Theilman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Musante, Town Manager/Finance Director

### AGENDA AND DISCUSSION:

1. Consider or reconsider positions on Articles on the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting. Steinberg noted that there were no Warrant Articles needing reconsideration by the committee.
2. Finance Committee Preliminary Guidelines for FY 12 budget process.  
VOTED 6-0, (1 absent) to have the Chair and Vice Chair make final revisions to the Finance Committee's Preliminary Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Guidelines and issue them to the appropriate Town staff, boards and committees.  
  
The committee discussed the draft of the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Guidelines created by Steinberg. Edits and revisions were suggested to clarify and correct the content of the Guidelines. The Committee agreed that the edits and revisions would be incorporated into the document by the Chair and Vice-Chair and then issued to the appropriate Town staff, boards and committees.
3. Consider School Committee request for Finance Committee participation on a Task Force to consider the continuation of School Union 26 and other options.  
VOTED 6-0, (1 absent) to have Theilman represent the Finance Committee on the School Union 26 Options Task Force.  
  
Steinberg stated that the Amherst School Committee had requested a Finance Committee member to serve on a Task Force looking into options relative to the relationship with Pelham and School Union 26. The Task Force would look into the educational, financial, and governance of the current Union as well as other possible arrangements e.g., a 2 Town Regional District. The expectation is that the Task Force would complete its work in about two months. Theilman offered to serve on the Task Force.
4. Minutes – October 21, 2010  
The minutes of Oct. 21, 2010 were APPROVED BY VOTE OF 6-0, (1 absent).

NEXT MEETING: Finance Committee members AGREED to meet Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Douglas Slaughter, acting clerk

DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING:

Draft of Finance Committee's Preliminary Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Guidelines