

AMHERST FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting of May 21, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m. in the Band Room of the Middle School.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Marilyn Blaustein, Paul Bobrowski, Alice Carlozzi (Chair), Kay Moran, Brian Morton (Vice-Chair), Douglas Slaughter and Andrew Steinberg.

STAFF AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

John Musante, Finance Director/Treasurer; Director; Eva Schiffer

AGENDA

1. Minutes of April 12 and May 3, 2007, meetings
2. Select Board amendments to budgets
3. June 6, 2007, Special Town Meeting warrant
4. Meeting schedule

COMMITTEE ACTIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. Minutes. No action.

2. Select Board amendments to budgets. The Select Board will move to reduce General Government by \$100,000 and apply that money mainly to increase Human Service Agency funding and keep War Memorial Pool open, and also \$12,000 for Puffer's Pond seasonal help and \$10,000 for line painting on roads. Musante said there could be lower than anticipated costs for Legal Services and health insurance, though the former depends on not having more litigation and the later depends on labor negotiations. The Committee VOTED 7-0 to stay with the 1% budget recommended in our report to Town Meeting. If Town Meeting votes the Select Board's reduction to General Government anyway, the Committee VOTED 7-0 to support \$12,000 for Puffer's Pond seasonal help and \$10,000 for line painting on roads.

3. June 6, 2007 Special Town Meeting warrant. No discussion or action.

4. Meeting schedule. The next meeting was set for May 23 at 6:45 p.m. in this room.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by Kay Moran, Acting Clerk

Approved 8/29/2007