

Amherst Finance Committee

April 30, 2012 6:45 P.M.

Music Room at Amherst Regional Middle School

In attendance: Ms. Moran (Vice Chair), Mr. Saul (sec'y protem), Mr. Steinberg (Chair), Mr. Slaughter, Ms. Ratner, Ms. Theilman, and Mr. Sharma (6:50 p.m.)

Mr. Steinberg called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm

1. Annual Town Meeting articles

Article 2, unpaid bills from the previous year Ms. Moran moved we recommend dismissal, Mr. Slaughter seconded. There are no unpaid bills from the previous year. The motion passed, 6-0 with one member absent.

Article 8, FY 12 budget amendments

Part a. Ms. Theilman moved to recommend increasing the appropriation for Public Safety by \$82,000, increasing the appropriation for Community Services by \$20,000, and decreasing the appropriation for General Government by \$102,000, as proposed by the Finance director; seconded by Ms. Ratner. The motion passed 6-0 with one member absent.

Ms. Moran and Ms. Theilman agreed that there had been substantial discussion of Articles 29 and 30 and no further discussion was merited until more information from the petitioners was provided.

2. May 14 Special Town Meeting: Consideration of warrant article.

Article 1 would correct a misprint in a motion approved Nov. 7, 2011, during the fall special town meeting, thus correcting a technical problem in the grant for the War Memorial Pool. Ms. Moran moved to recommend approval of the Article 1 motion. Ms. Theilman seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

3. Third quarter financial results

Mr. Pooler presented the FY12 municipal budget update. Currently, no substantial

variance on the revenue side; expenditures, however, are running a little below the 75% level at the end of the third quarter. Solar legal expenses and Veterans' benefits line items are the only outliers running higher than projected. The employee benefits expense is higher because pension benefits are paid ahead of time. Public Works, Enterprise funds are on schedule but transportation revenue is a little low because some of the parking revenues are low because of a temporary breakdown in the wireless parking system. Mr. Steinberg stated that the committee would accept the report.

Minutes of March 1, 2012. Ms. Theilman moved approval, Ms. Ratner seconded, the motion passed 7-0.

Minutes of April 12, 2012. Ms, Theilman moved approval, Mr. Slaughter seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.