

*Approved 6/3/13*

## **Amherst Finance Committee Minutes**

**May 20, 2013, Auditorium, Amherst-Pelham Regional Middle School**

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. in the auditorium at Amherst-Pelham Regional Middle School.

### **Attendance:**

Kay Moran (Vice-Chair), Janice Ratner, Douglas Slaughter, Marylou Theilman. Absent: Andy Steinberg, chair; Bob Saul, Anurag Sharma.

### **Others in Attendance:**

Sandy Pooler, Finance Director

### **Agenda:**

1. Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles – consideration of committee recommendations on Articles deferred until Town Meeting and reconsideration of recommendations on other Articles as necessary
  - a. Article 27, Free Cash. The Committee VOTED 4-0, 3 absent, to recommend dismissal, because none needs to be appropriated to balance the FY 14 budget.
  - b. Article 28, Stabilization Fund. The Committee VOTED 4-0, 3 absent, to recommend dismissal, because none needs to be appropriated to balance the FY 14 budget.
  - c. Article 25 – Social Services Funding.  
The Committee had already voted April 11 to recommend Article 25, appropriating \$90,000 for Social Services eligible activities. The Committee tonight VOTED 4-0, 3 absent, to recommend a motion under Article 25 that \$90,000 be appropriated from Free Cash, with \$15,000 going to Town of Amherst Flexible Emergency Funds; \$25,000 to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Hampshire County Mentoring Program; \$20,000 to Family Outreach of Amherst Emergency Funds for Resource Caseworker; \$10,000 to Amherst Survival Center Food Pantry; and \$20,000 to Town of Amherst Rental Assistance for Intermediate Living. These agencies were the five given highest priority among those that applied for funding to the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee after a lengthy and public evaluation and selection process, and Finance Committee members thought that choice should be followed.

The Finance Committee VOTED 4-0, 3 absent, to NOT RECOMMEND any amendment to Article 25 specifying different or additional agencies, and confirmed that it does NOT RECOMMEND Article 45.

2. Minutes of previous meetings, if any – none.
3. Next Meeting and Agenda – none discussed.
4. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting – none.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Kay Moran, acting clerk

**Documents Used at the Meeting:**

Warrant for the May 6, 2013, Annual Town Meeting  
Final Script for the May 6, 2013, Annual Town Meeting