

The Wilbraham Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Town Hall  
April 13, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

Present: Dan Miles, Nancy Piccin, Anna Levine, Mike Mannix, John Guzzo, Todd Luzi

Absent: Carolyn Brennan, Kevin Murray

Also present: Town Accountant Nancy Johnson, Town Collector/Treasurer Tom Sullivan, and Business Manager Beth Regulbuto

### **Open Forum**

Anna asked if it was possible to reopen the Library budget to include the new part-time position. She was told anyone who voted for it can reopen the budget. Dan said he will maintain an organized meeting.

### **Capital Planning – Approval to re-allocate prior bond authorization**

In FY15 Capital Planning approved \$30,000 for an electrical upgrade, and \$32,000 for a phone system upgrade, both at Soule Road school.

MOTION: Reallocate from FY15 \$62,000 from the Stony Hill School phone system project to the Mile Tree school phone system project. Seconded, voted unanimously.

### **FY2017 Budget**

#### **HWRSD**

Beth presented a final review of the school budget. She explained the potential budget cuts if in fact there will be a deficit of \$538,000. The majority of cuts will be 9.5 FTE reductions in staff (one related to enrollment). A multitude of discussions ensued regarding enrollment, and how this affects the overall budget. They also talked about school choice income. We have 113 school choice students in FY16. Dan expressed a desire to receive the budget earlier in the process so the Finance Committee has time for a thoughtful review. Beth says she puts a budget together as soon as she gets all the necessary information, and even then the budget is fluid as information is received and/or changed. Final Chapter 70 aid information is not received till late April/early May.

The House presented their budget with a recommendation to increase the Chapter 70 aid. This increase would mean an additional \$277,000 for Wilbraham. Beth is not changing her budget till it goes through the Senate and is fully approved. Also, currently the HWRSD includes a \$50,000 loan payment to the town. This payment may be decreased to \$5000, with the remainder to be deferred to future years.

At this point, Beth completed her presentation, said she is always available to answer questions, and left the meeting.

### **Regionalization**

Tom told the Finance Committee that the Selectmen are looking into having a special town meeting in the fall to allow Wilbraham the opportunity to vote on regionalization. The clerk does have money in her budget, but the Selectmen need an additional \$1000 in their budget for the printing and mailing of the warrant. A discussion ensued regarding the education of both towns about the effects of regionalization of the middle school. Anna moved to reopen the FY2017 122 Selectmen's Budget

MOTION: Recommend 122 Selectman/Town Administrator salaries at \$380,994 and expenses at \$51,080 for a total of \$432,074. Seconded, voted unanimously.

The Finance committee discussed reopening the school budget. Currently the Finance Committee has voted on \$23,900,842 for the school. After some discussion there was general agreement that a message was already made by reducing the school budget by \$100,000 and not to reopen the school budget. A move was made to close discussion.

MOTION: Close discussion regarding the HWRSD budget. Seconded, 3 approved, 2 opposed, 1 abstained

### **Vote Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of all consent agenda articles in the FY2017 town meeting warrant. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 5, the Parliamentary Procedures. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 6, Compensation for elected Town Officials. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 7, Budget appropriations. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 14, Authorization to borrow for capital outlays. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 18, Reserve Fund. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 19, Special Appropriation for road repaving and preservation. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 20, Special Appropriation for demolition of town property at 2451 Boston Road. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 21, Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 22, Municipal Building Insurance Fund. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 23, Stabilization Fund. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 29, Temporary Easements for East Street Bridge Project. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee **does not** recommend the approval of Article 31, Community Preservation Program Project for Mount Marcy. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 32, Community Preservation Program Project for Preservation of Town Record Books. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 33, Community Preservation Program Project for the Country Club of Wilbraham Clubhouse. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 34, Community Preservation Program Project for a Forest Management Plan. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 35, Community Preservation Program Project for the Wilbraham Children's Museum. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 36, Community Preservation Program Project for Bathrooms Inside the Wilbraham Soccer Club Pavilion. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 44, Acceptance of deeds. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee recommends the approval of Article 45, Rescind Unused Borrowing Authorizations. Seconded, approved unanimously.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Seconded, voted unanimously.

Debbie Brennan  
Staff Accountant