

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath Finance Committee

July 12, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Sawyer Hall

Present: Don Freeman, Ned Wolf, Jan Carr, Dave Gott, Ned Wolf, and the BOS

There was a discussion of Chapter 44, Section 33B Transfers. Dave made a motion that the FinCom approve the following transfers: \$11.36 from Sawyer Hall Maintenance to Salary-Custodial, \$2196 from Community Hall Maintenance to Sawyer Hall Internet, \$267.29 from Vehicle Gas/Oil to Highway Miscellaneous Expense, \$230.20 from Vehicle Gas/Oil to Dump Transportation, \$115.76 from Library Substitute to Salary Library Director, \$7.59 from Sawyer Hall Maintenance to Unemployment, \$594.86 from Sawyer Hall Maintenance to FICA/Medicare, and \$55.69 from Sawyer Hall Maintenance to Technical Support Town Hall. The FinCom approved the motion by unanimous vote. Sheila informed members that a transfer from the Reserve Fund may be needed. That would require the FinCom to meet on July 15th.

Don made available copies of his summary of the FinCom.s June 28th meeting at which PAYT was discussed. He spoke to the BOS of the FinCom.s thinking on the issue referring to the seven steps on the handout. He said that Mike Smith has estimated the cost of a new compacter to be \$10,000. Dave reported on a recent conversation with Jan Ameen in which Jan said that if the town did not go with PAYT, care should be taken that bulky waste be separated so as not to create pockets of unoccupied space when the waste is transported. Jeff reported on his conversation with Mike about collecting compost at the transfer station. Mike expressed some concern about where the manure spreader would be placed and about liability issues.

There was a discussion with the BOS about the FinCom.s recommendation that there be a

dedicated waste management fund. Tom and Sheila expressed reluctance to require the Town Accountant to do the extra work. Gloria noted that Town Counsel had commended Heath for its openness in listing such expenses as Dump Tipping in Article 3. Brian acknowledged the validity of seeking to make more transparent such expenditures as the salt-shed repairs in FY 2009. Tom asked whether the FinCom would like to be consulted when money is paid out of the funds accumulated from recycling.

Brian suggested that should the FinCom so desire, it might prepare an article setting up a dedicated fund to be voted on at the next ATM. The BOS thanked the FinCom for its efforts and in particular to Jeff whose data sheet on recycling revenues was made available during the discussion.

The FinCom left at 8:15 pm for the Assessors. Office.

The FinCom discussed possible members of a town committee whose mission would be to promote recycling. Bob Viarengo and Eric Sumner were suggested although doubts were expressed about the prospects for a viable committee.

The minutes of the June 28th meeting were read and approved with emendations.

In reflecting on the discussion of a dedicated fund with the BOS Jeff said he would look into whether a revolving fund or an enterprise fund would be better. Don made a motion:

The FinCom asks the BOS that it consult with the FinCom on any uses of the Heath escrow of the Waste Management Fund and that it receive monthly reports on this fund.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The FinCom approved the motion by

unanimous vote.

Don reported on his plan to respond to Jane.s request for a FinCom report for the „Heath Herald.. He is inclined to describe the BOS response to the proposal for a dedicated fund as “skeptical”.

Don will notify members Thursday, July 15th as to whether there is a FinCom meeting later that day.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf

