

Minutes of the Longmeadow Appropriations Committee
Monday, October 28, 2002, 7:15pm – Fire Community Meeting Room

Members Present: Steven Marantz – Chairperson, Deborah Gebo,
Russell Moore, Judd Peskin

The Committee voted to approve the minutes of October 9, 2002 as presented.

The Committee reviewed the warrant articles presented in draft #2 dated October 18, 2002. All monetary warrant articles requiring their recommendation were approved except Article #6 dealing with the Selectmen's Wage Apportionment Account (a motion was made and there was a second, the vote being 2 yes and 2 no the motion did not carry) Article #7 dealing with an \$18,000 reduction in the Highway Labor Account had a positive recommendation only if Article #8 dealing with Water/Sewer transfers was not on the actual warrant. If the Water/Sewer transfers are on the warrant Article #7 is not recommended.

The Committee reviewed the "draft" FY04 budget assumptions, instructions and calendar. The assumptions would reflect the most recent 5-year projection. The 5-year projection shows departmental budgets, except Employee Benefits and Debt Service, which are funded through taxation could only increase 1.75% from the FY03 budgeted amounts. In the absence of enhanced financial sources, this would be all the Town could afford and maintain a balanced budget. The Committee would also request that each Department Head prepare an organization chart, with information regarding full time equivalents, for their respective departments. Deadlines on the budget calendar were moved up in order to provide ample time for public disclosure of the FY04 budget.

The Committee briefly reviewed the materials sent by Rebecca Townsend and will invite her to their next meeting (November 18, 2002) for discussion.

The Committee voted to adjourn at 8:25pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul J. Pasterczyk