

Minutes of the Longmeadow Finance Committee  
Wednesday November 15, 2006 @ 7:00 PM – Longmeadow Fire Department

Members Present:	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>
Judd Peskin - Chairperson	x	
Carla Gunn - Vice Chairperson	x	
Mark Barowsky	x	
Steven Marantz	x	
Gerry Nolet		x
Suresh Samant		x
Deborah Wilson	x	

Also Present: Paul Pasterczyk, Christopher Kulig, Kathy Grady, Eric Madison

The Committee voted to accept the minutes from the meeting of October 25, 2006 as modified (correction of a spelling error).

The Committee once again discussed the replacement of Gerry Nolet on the Finance Committee. No further information was obtained since the last meeting. Chairperson Judd Peskin stated that he would follow up with Town Manager Robin Crosbie regarding this matter.

The Committee turned their discussion to the warrant articles for the Special Town Meetings to be held on November 28, 2006. The Committee reconsidered their position and voted to recommend the following articles:

- Article 6 - \$30,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings to supplement an appropriation authorized at the April 2006 ATM. This is a change from their previous position because the funds were now coming from Sewer Retained Earnings instead of Free Cash.
- Article 7 - \$33,000 for the purchase of a new command vehicle for use by the Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator. The funds for this project will now be paid by \$24,750 from Free Cash and \$8,250 from Ambulance Retained Earnings. The Committee voted to recommend this article with the provision that the Capital Stabilization Fund “pay back” the amount taken from Free Cash out of their FY08 budget since they are still of the opinion that this is a capital item and should be paid for as such.

The Committee made no recommendation to Article 2, which requested a transfer of \$50,000 from Free Cash to the DPW’s Building Maintenance budget for “A number of specific repairs, inspections, and preventative maintenance actions...on town and school buildings”. Although information was provided to the Committee regarding the nature of the repairs, they again made no recommendation because some of the details were vague or unclear. The Committee will follow up with DPW Director Mike Wrabel and

Facilities Director Adrian Phaneuf with their questions and make its recommendation on the floor of the Special Town Meeting.

The Committee voted to recommend Article 1 of an additional Special Town Meeting to be held on November 28, 2006 in the amount of \$383,617 to be funded as follows:

- \$275,732 from unexpended bond proceeds remaining after the completion of the BBH/WS construction project.
- \$44,617 from the remaining balances in capital projects that have been completed.
- \$63,268 from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

This article provides funding to complete security upgrades to the High School, Glenbrook Middle School, Center Elementary School, and the Greenwood Center.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee was set for Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 7:00pm. The location of the meeting is yet to be determined. Representatives from the School Department including the Superintendent, Director of Pupil Services, and the School Committee will be invited to discuss Special Education costs for FY07. Members of the Audit Committee will be invited to meet with the Committee as well. Carla Gunn suggested, and the rest of the Committee agreed, that copies of the Finance Committee's formal adopted policies should be distributed to the Audit Committee prior to the meeting.

The Committee voted to adjourn at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted

Christopher Kulig  
Town Accountant