

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MAY 4, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of Town Hall. The following members were present: Ken Szajda, Jay Leary, Tom Meehan, Jim Crews, Pam Zicko, Gordon Johnson and Mark Schultz.

The Water Dept. was at the meeting to explain their Articles on the Warrant for Town Meeting, specifically the \$1.5 million being requested to install the replacement well at Well #2 on Maple Street. Jay Leary questioned spending the money at a well that has issues with septic systems in neighboring homes and issues with the DEP, but was told that there is no problem with the water testing and the water is good. The problem was due to flooding in the past and this will be taken care of. The Water Dept. was asked the starting date of the DEP consent order – it's 18 months from Aug. 2009. Can it be done in 18 months? Well #4 needs a regular seal; but Well #2, which is not as deep as #4, needs a different type of seal and it is much more expensive. The Water Dept. would also like to start replacing the old pipes. There was much discussion between FinComm members as to whether the money should be spent on Well # 2 with many unanswered questions. Pam Zicko said that the well should be fixed. Jim Crews said that he has a lot of questions, but feels comfortable in spending the money to fix the well. Tom Meehan said that the FinComm should tour all the facilities but doesn't want to delay the fix; they need to trust the water engineers. Ken Szajda said that he has concerns also and asked if the Dept. is in compliance with the temporary orders of the DEP. The Water Dept. may be facing another issue which concerns an easement to get to the Mt. Hollis water tank. Gordon Johnson, seconded by Mark Schultz, made a MOTION to reconsider the vote taken on Art. 23. Passed 6-0-1(J. Leary abs.) Gordon Johnson, seconded by Tom Meehan, made a MOTION to recommend favorable action on Art. 23, to appropriate up to \$1,500,000 for a replacement well at well#2, with unexpended funds returned by the end of the DEP consent order. Passed 7-0-0.

Jay Leary, seconded by Pam Zicko, made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2009 meeting. Passed 7-0-0.

Gordon Johnson, seconded by Pam Zicko, made a MOTION to approve a bill submitted by Faith Antonioli, for meetings and minutes for the month of April, totaling 14 hours. Passed 7-0-0.

At 8:40 PM, Pam Zicko, seconded by Jim Crews, made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Faith Antonioli, Secretary

Date Approved: July 27, 2010