

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**APRIL 12, 2011**

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, Gordon Johnson, Jay Leary, Tom Meehan, Jim Crews, Pam Zicko and Mark Schultz.

Pam Zicko, seconded by Mark Schultz, made a MOTION to approve the minutes of March 29, 2011. Passed 7-0-0.

Pam Zicko, seconded by Gordon Johnson, made a MOTION to reconsider the approval of the minutes of March 22, 2011. Passed 7-0-0.

FinComm began by discussing the Reserve Fund transfer to Public Buildings that was discussed at last week's meeting. Will McColl found answers to several of the questions asked last week. The cost to fix the dishwasher at Pinecrest is \$1600. \$341 has already been spent to try to repair the ice maker at the clubhouse, but a new one is needed and there is money for that; however, \$810 is needed to relocate it to the opposite wall. Will McColl said that they are also requesting air ducts and septic work to be done. Pam Zicko asked if they have looked into a maintenance contract on the dishwasher. She also inquired about using bagged ice. Jay Leary asked about the \$810 quote and whether it was a "best guess". Jim Crews asked if there were any possible problems arising next year at Pinecrest. Will McColl said that the stove could become an issue. Mark Schultz said he is concerned that there are so many issues with the equipment as the building is not that old. Jay Leary, seconded by Gordon Johnson, made a MOTION to approve a transfer in the amount of \$8,986.81 from the Reserve fund to Public Buildings (Org.#01192), Grounds & Maintenance (Obj.#53020). Pam Zicko has concerns and Jay Leary suggested that Pam has the most experience in that area and perhaps she could offer some incite. Jay commented that the town needs to look at a maintenance program with the next contract. They need to have inspections done and come up with ways to insure that the equipment is properly cared for. Passed 7-0-0.

The Water Dept. came in to discuss their articles on the warrant. At Well #7 (Art. 26), the Army corps of Engineers will give a 7 yr. easement to the town, with a 7 yr. renewal. There is, however, no definite written proposal or costs. They want to help the town and continue renewing with the town if no issues arise. The Army Corps does not want to involve Washington and if they enter into any permanent arrangement with the town it has to go through Washington. The auxiliary site, at well #4 (Art. 27), has not proved out. It lowered the iron initially, but increases with pumping. There was discussion over Art. 24, as to whether it should be left as written. The town needs to have approval of the 2.2 million funding voted in or they will loose the SRF funding. The state requires that if the town accepts the SRF funding loan, it needs to be voted in at spring town meeting. The SRF is a 20 year loan that starts in 2014. Jay Leary asked how confident the Dept. is that the membrane process will solve the problems at well #4. They are going to run pilot studies using various processes. When asked how Art. 24 would affect water rates, FinComm was told that there is a 10% increase set for June. The last meter payment is

due in 2013 and 2014 would be the start of the SRF payments and they are about the same amount. Jay Leary said that Water should have an extensive presentation at Town Meeting that explains the project and its need to taxpayers. Ron Sharpin said that it's obvious the state sees the need by approving the town for the SRF loan, rating the town at 90 points. Mark Schultz commented that he is concerned that the dept. has not maintained the equipment at well #4, as he noted a lot of rust while touring the facility. Ken Szajda said that 2 things need to be considered at well #4: 1- the design limits set by the engineers need to allow for the ability to upgrade or alter the design; 2- as water changes, to have the ability to upgrade the capacity. All of this shows the need for a master plan and an asset management plan. Ron Sharpin said that the master plan would be done a year from now. Art. 25 needs to stay on the table for now, which is \$70,000 for water main replacements at wells 1 & 5; but no vote was taken. It may not be known by town meeting if they will have the money because the bids don't come in until May 4. Jay Leary reiterated the importance of their presentation on Art. 24 at Town Meeting. They need to show how it fits into their master plan. Ken Szajda commented that they need to do something with pumping issues. They have tried various options, but they need to find an adaptive system. Jay asked them to run numbers with their current rate structure.

Art. 24 - Pam Zicko, seconded by Mark Schultz, made a MOTION to recommend favorable action on Art. 24, for work at Well #4. Passed 6-0-1(J. Leary, abs.).

Art. 26 – Gordon Johnson, seconded by Tom Meehan, made a MOTION to recommend indefinite postponement of Art. 26, connecting well #7 to the water treatment facility. Passed 7-0-0.

Art. 27 – Gordon Johnson, seconded by Tom Meehan, made a MOTION to recommend indefinite postponement of Art. 27, to develop a replacement well at well #4 and make modifications to the treatment plant. Passed 7-0-0.

Art. 35B – Mark Schultz, seconded by Jim Crews, made a MOTION to recommend indefinite postponement of Art. 35B, for water main replacement work. Passed 7-0-0.

Art. 23 – Gordon Johnson, seconded by Mark Schultz, made a MOTION to recommend indefinite postponement of Art. 23, dealing with revisions to the Stormwater Management Plan. Passed 7-0-0.

Art. 32 – This leads to discussions with the BOS and FinComm to address issues. There also needs to be legislative action.

Art. 19 – Jay Leary, seconded by Gordon Johnson, made a MOTION to recommend indefinite postponement of Art. 19, to set up an OPEB Liability Trust fund and a funding schedule. Passed 7-0-0.

Ken Szajda said he will draft a message for the warrant to discuss at the next meeting on April 26, which will start at 7:00 pm.

At 10:07 pm, Pam Zicko, seconded by Mark Schultz, made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Faith Antonioli, Secretary

Date Approved: May 31, 2011