

Spencer Finance Committee

March 20, 2012

Minutes

1) Meeting called to order: 7:10 p.m.

Members present: Mary Braney, Chair, Paul McLaughlin, Vice Chair, Mike Malone, Tom Parker, John Stevens, Julie Parenteau, Nancy Herholz, Chris Kandel, Bill Wall, Robbin Joyce and Chris Bowen (arrived 7:40 p.m.); Adam Gaudette, Town Administrator.

Guests: David Papagni, Bay Path Superintendent, John LaFleche, Bay Path Business Manager, Kenneth Wheeler and Bob Zukowski, Bay Path School committee members; Mark Robidoux, Sewer Department Superintendent, Frank White, Sewer Commissioner; Steven Tyler, U&F, Highway, Water & Transfer Station.

2) Minutes of March 13, 2012 meeting

Motion to approve minutes from March 13, 2012 as written by Chris Kandel

Second: Tom Parker

Approved: unanimously

3) Correspondence: Copy of school budget approved by SEBRSC

4) Liaison Reports

a) Capital Planning Committee: Nancy Herholz reported that CIPC had met March 20, 2012 with David Papagni, Bay Path Superintendent and John LaFleche, Business Manager, to listen to their presentation of the addition/renovation building project. The committee (unanimously) made a recommendation to Town Administrator, Adam Gaudette to move forward with Spencer's portion of financial support for this project.

- b) Financial Planning Committee: Paul McLaughlin stated that there was nothing new to report.
- c) School Building Committee: Chris Bowen stated that the committee had chosen Design Partnership of Cambridge as the new architect. While Design Partnership had a proposal right away, the budget was lower than expected; therefore, they had to go back to their sub-contractors to renegotiate. It was noted that they may have to take a hit now but if the project moves forward, they will make it up on the back end. Design Partnership did give the committee a proposal last Friday, which the school committee will have to ratify at their April 10th meeting. The cost of the proposal is about \$425,000 which is part of the \$630,000 from the feasibility money the two towns had previously voted on.
- d) School Capital Planning Committee: Has not met.

5) Presentations:

- a) David Papagni, Bay Path Superintendent & John LaFleche, Business Manager presented the FY2013 Bay Path budget with focus and explanation on the budget increase of 2.94%, District member assessments, the 52% net member assessment increase and the formula's used to calculate the minimum contribution. Comments, questions and discussion.

Mr. Papagni provided a brief presentation of Bay Path's addition/renovation building project.
- b) Town Administrator, Adam Gaudette presented budget details for Sewer Department; Mark Robidoux, Superintendent and Frank White, Sewer Commissioner answered committee members' questions and concerns. Discussion.
- c) Town Administrator, Adam Gaudette presented budget details for the Water Department, Utilities & Facilities, Highway Department, Snow & Ice Removal and Transfer Station & Solid Waste Management; Steven Tyler, Superintendant provided

explanation and commentary to committee members' questions, concerns and comments.

7) Adam Gaudette reviewed FY2013 Budget and Calendar Update; Budget, Warrant/Article remains a work-in-process.

8) No further business

9) SEBRSC liaison report: Mary Braney stated that she needs to review and gather more information and would give a full report at next scheduled meeting (April 3, 2012)

10) Motion made to adjourn meeting at 9:50 p.m. made by Paul McLaughlin

Second by Tom Parker

Unanimously approved

Next regular meeting: April 3, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy E. Herholz