

FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
APRIL 21, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT Faith D. Ballenger, Steve Bruno, Victor E. DiGregorio, James Drummey, Don Jamison, Gordon Prime, Herbert A. Stone, Bradford Littlefield, Lindee Watson, and Helen B. Wilkins

MEMBERS ABSENT Chad Liston (N)

Chairman James Drummey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with words of welcome to call.

The Secretary had Roll Call followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

There was a motion by Bradford Littlefield, seconded by Victor E. DiGregorio to accept the Minutes of the April 14, 2011 meeting. The vote was unanimous.

ARTICLE 2:

There was a motion by Bradford Littlefield, seconded by Don Jamison to re-open Article 2, Town Administration. The vote was 6 yes and the Chairman declared the article opened as it has received a 2/3 vote. Bradford Littlefield wanted to add \$15,000.00 to budget to fund the Grant Writer position. There was a motion by James Drummey, seconded by Helen B. Wilkins to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00. Motion failed. There was a motion by Bradford Littlefield, seconded by Don Jamison to appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00. The vote was 8 yes, 2 no. Motion carried.

(NOTE: PLEASE SEE ARTICLE 12 BELOW. THIS ARTICLE WAS NOT A LEGAL VOTE AS IT HAD NOT RECEIVED A 2/3 RD' S VOTE. THERE WERE TEN MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE, NOT NINE MEMBERS.

ARTICLE 12:

There was a motion by Herbert A. Stone, seconded by Don Jamison to raise and appropriate up to but not to exceed 2% (\$1,390,320) of the previous year's combined Town and School budgets for the Capital Improvement Program - \$1,090,320 Town and \$300,000 School. The vote was 5 yes, 5 no. Motion failed.

There was a motion by Helen B. Wilkins, seconded by Bradford Littlefield to appropriate 2.6%. The vote was 4 yes, 6 nos. Motion failed.

There was a motion by Bradford Littlefield, seconded by Don Jamison to appropriate 2.5%. The vote was 5 yes, 5 no. Motion failed.

There was a motion by Helen B. Wilkins, seconded by Bradford Littlefield to appropriate 2.6%, The vote was 4 yes, six no. Motion failed.

There was a motion by Bradfield Littlefield, seconded by Helen B. Wilkins that Article 12 will go to Town Meeting with no recommendation. The vote was 8 yes, 2 no.

Article 17:

There was a motion by James Drummey, seconded by Victor E. DiGregorio to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00. The vote was 8 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention (Ballenger)

Article 9:

There was a motion by James Drummey, seconded by Helen B. Wilkins to appropriate the sum of \$731,644.00, Social Security. The vote was unanimous.

Article 32:

There was a motion by James Drummey, seconded by Helen B. Wilkins that other recommendations read as follows: "The Finance Committee recommends that compensation of the School Committee be maintained at \$2,000.00 per year for members." The vote was 7 yes, 2 no, and 1 abstention. (Don Jamison)

Article 12:

There was a motion by Helen B. Wilkins, seconded by James Drummey to re-open Article 12. The vote was 6 yes, 4 no. Article failed for lack of a 2/3rd's vote to re-open.

There was a motion by Helen B. Wilkins, seconded by Victor E. DiGregorio to ratify Articles 1 thru Article 46. The vote was unanimous.

There was a motion by James Drummey, seconded by Helen B. Wilkins to confirm that there will be an Informational Town Meeting on May 19, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Annex, Third Floor Chambers. The vote was unanimous.

There was a motion by James Drummey, seconded by Helen B. Wilkins to confirm that there will be a Town Meeting on May 24, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Sanford High School Cafeteria. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Drummey asked if the Finance Members had any comments. Gordon Prime stated that he is concerned for those on limited income as well as those in the "outside world" that have taken steep cuts in their salaries and the Town gives raises. Maine unemployed rate inis still up there.

Victor E. DeGregorio had concerns with cuts to the libraries.

Steve Bruno asked if Town Meeting always votes our recommendations. Chairman Drummey and Vice Chairman Helen B. Wilkins stated no. There have been changes, both up and down over the years.

There was a motion by Bradford Littlefield, seconded by Herbert A. Stone to re-open Article 2. The vote was 6 yes, 4 no. Motion failed. It needed a 2/3rds vote to re-open

Herbert A. Stone stated that this was his last year on the Finance Committee due to health concerns. Herbie complimented Chairman Drummey on his leadership this past year and he hopes he carries it on next year.

There was a motion by Helen B. Wilkins, seconded by Steve Bruno to adjourn at 8:15 PM. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith D. Ballenger
Secretary