

FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT Faith D. Ballenger, Steve Bruno, Victor E. DiGregorio, James Drummey, Don Jamison, Chad Liston, Gordon Prime, Herbert A. Stone, Alan R. Walsh, Lindee Watson, and Helen B. Wilkins

GUESTS Mark Green, Town Manager, Betsy St. Cyr, Superintendent, Sanford School Dept., and Michael Kucsma, Business Manager, Sanford School Department

Chairman James Drummey called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM with words of welcome to all followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

There was a motion by Herbert A. Stone, seconded by Helen B. Wilkins to accept the Minutes of the January 27, 2011 meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Town Manager, Mark Green presented an overview of his budget for the year 7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012. The Council will vote on the budget on February 15, 2011. Highlights of his presentation, followed by Q & A Session, were:

Revenues are flat - loss in revenue is estimated at \$650,000

Enterprise funds are now back in the budget

Expenses are up, revenue is down

Current Budget up \$1,400,000±

CIP, 2.6% increase, \$67,000±

How to handle solid waste, fees are up

Outside agencies requests have been reduced

Homestead Exemption - no change to the best of his knowledge

Property Evaluation, no change

User Fees

Private Sector has taken cuts in benies and salary the past few years

no change supposedly for town and that there will be salary

increases this year - 2%-3% for all union employees as promised in 2010

2% for non-union -180 employees, 25 not in a union

Ambulance Services suggested year ago that it be privatized -has no been

Looked at - currently our income is \$650,000.00

Grant funds should be part of cost of departments receiving same

Betsy St. Cyr and Michael Kucsma, of the Sanford School Department, presented an overview of their budget. Items discussed were:

School Budget is salary driven
Maintenance & Repairs budget is up \$1,000,000.00, boilers, etc
Laptops are needed, \$138,000.00
State Aid to be reduced \$566,000±
Maine Care to be reduced from \$400,000 to \$50,000 this year
Increase in Federal funds of \$500,000 this year may help fund above
Administrators were working with same budget figures for the coming year
Have received grant funds
Working with FEMA to secure a generator for the Memorial Gym
Acton's contract expires in 2013 - Discussions are ongoing between both
School Boards.

Chairman Drummey discussed the Finance Committee's "Rules and Procedures". There was a motion by Helen B. Wilkins, seconded by Alan R. Walsh to accept the Rules and Procedures as printed. The vote was unanimous.

There was a CIP meeting scheduled for 7:30 AM on Friday, February 11, 2011 in the Town Manager's office.

Chairman Drummey stated that all members of the Finance Committee must take a course on the "Maine Freedom of Access Act". He emphasized the "Public Records" in particular, "What is a Public Record?" Those who need to take the course were told to contact Sherry Lord in the Town Manager's office to make arrangements to take the test.

There was no discussion under Public Participation.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Chambers.

Under Finance Committee Member Comments it was suggested that there be an agenda item at our next meetings to discuss the time our meetings commence.

There was motion by Victor E. DiGregorio to adjourn at 8:50 PM, seconded by Gordon Prime. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith D. Ballenger
Secretary