



TOWN OF BROOKLINE, NH
FINANCE COMMITTEE

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FEBRUARY 8, 2007 APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Present:

James McElroy, Chair
Larry Rodman, Vice Chair
Fred Hubert, Secretary

Not Present:

N/A

Call to Order

James called meeting to order at 8:12 PM.

General Business

Agenda:

1. Discuss recommendation to fund a tax equity study committee
2. Review proposed town budget and estimated tax impact
3. Review proposed Brookline School District impact and estimated tax impact
4. Develop recommendations for Brookline Town Budget
5. Vote on recommendations for Brookline warrant articles
6. Develop recommendations for Brookline School District Budget
7. Approve Finance Committee town meeting report
8. Planning for town meeting
9. Review previous minutes

Agenda Item 1:

- Researched proper wording to request funding from the town Selectmen for a tax equity study committee
- James motioned that once he gets the official wording he will send that to the Board of Selectmen with a request for \$1000 to cover postage and printing.

Agenda Item 2:

- Discussed estimated tax rate increase of 20% for town portion.
- Discussed methods to recommend for lowering the rate of increase.

Agenda Item 3:

- Agreed to postpone this discussion until final numbers are available.

Agenda Item 4:

- Discussed warrant for emergency communication generators. Voted 3-0 to recommend a battery backup and a portable generator in lieu of the proposed auto-start emergency backup generators.

Agenda Item 5:

- Voted 3-0 against warrant for the sports complex, warrant article #18.
- Voted 3-0 in favor of warrant article #2.
- Voted 3-0 against warrant article #3.
- James motioned to recommend an appropriation of \$3,419,238 (achieved by reductions in article #12, dam repair/maintenance covered by reserve, etc.), Fred provided the 2nd, 3-0 in favor.

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- Voted 3-0 in favor of warrant article #4.
- Voted 3-0 in favor of warrant article #5.
- Voted 3-0 against warrant article #7.
- Voted 3-0 in favor of warrant article #8.
- Voted 3-0 in favor of warrant article #9.
- Voted 3-0 in favor of warrant article #10.
- Voted 3-0 in favor of warrant article #11.
- Voted 3-0 against warrant article #12.

Agenda Item 6:

- Fred will work to schedule a presentation on proposed legislation for school funding in NH.
- James motioned that we use the same formula as the COOP Budget Committee, adjusted for BSD student population estimates, and ask the BSD School Board to reduce the budget to that amount and list any cut programs separately as warrant articles. Fred provided the 2nd, approved 3-0.

Agenda Item 7:

- James motioned to approve the Finance Committee town report, Larry provided the 2nd, approved 3-0.

Agenda Item 8:

- Discussed the need to prepare a presentation for town meeting.

Agenda Item 9:

- James motioned to approve the prior meeting minutes, seconded by Larry. Approved 3 – 0.

Motion to Adjourn

James moved to adjourn, seconded by Larry. Approved 3 - 0. Meeting adjourned at 10:14.

Minutes Approval

Submitted by: Fred Hubert

Approved on:

Approved by:

James McElroy

Larry Rodman

Fred Hubert