

Pepperell Finance Committee
Minutes
January 22nd, 2009

Members

Present: Diane Gaspar (Chair), Burke Bero (Vice-Chair), Chris DeSimone, Stephanie Cronin, Jeanne LeBlanc, Chris Johnson, Theresa Walsh (Town Accountant)

Absent: Shaun Cummings

Guests: George Ux – Emergency Management

Opening

Ms. Gaspar called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Appointments

Emergency Management (52308)

- Mr. Ux was present to discuss request for reserve fund transfer of \$3,975. Current balance of \$676
- This amount is needed to pay for the annual support fees for the reverse 911 system.
- The annual fee will need to be added to 2010 and beyond budgets at \$4,750 annually

Vote to transfer \$3,975 to 100-29100-52308 - Motion by Mr. DeSimone, Second by Mr. Johnson.

Yes – 6 / No – 0

Discussions

Review of 1/12/09 School Committee Meeting

- Burke, Diane and Jeanne attended the meeting
- Principals needs to meet education goals
- Individual budgets and cuts not looked at yet
- Increases currently ranging from 2% - 5%
- Proposing 2/12/09 to meet with Finance Sub-Committee of the School Committee

Review of 5 Year Plan

- Most 2010 budgets are in
- Majority of Town budgets are level funded at first pass
- Currently (\$1,237,163) variance
- Continuing hiring freeze and not making replacement hires

Initial conversation around 2010 and where additional budgets cuts might be made

Meeting Schedule

- February 5th – Determine essential vs. non-essential departments
- February 9th – Meet with Selectmen

- February 12th – Invite School District to lay out NMRSD 2010 budget
- February 14th – Public meeting called by Selectmen

Minutes

Minutes from December 4, 2008 – Motion by Mr. DeSimone, Second by Mr. Johnson.

Accept (6) – Oppose (0)

Closing

Ms. Gaspar moved to adjourn at 8:20pm