

TOWN OF GILL

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SELECTBOARD/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2009

Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Present

Ann Banash, John Ward, Nancy Griswold, Selectboard members; Ronnie LaChance, Chris Collins, Timmie Smith, Jim Poulsen, Tupper Brown, Claire Chang, Finance Committee members; Tracy Rogers, Town Administrator.

Finance Committee Recommendations re FY10 Budget

Tupper reported that the Finance Committee voted to recommend the following actions:

1. To add the 1% COLA back into the budget
2. To use whatever's left over toward stabilization
3. To hold an override sufficient (but not exceeding \$30,000) to get the stabilization fund up to a total of \$150,000.

Nancy asked if a portion of the surplus funds go toward raising Tracy's salary given her new position. Members of both groups agreed that now was not the time to make that request of Town Meeting.

The Selectboard agreed with the Finance Committee's recommendations.

Special Town Meeting Date

Both groups agreed to see how the special town meeting in Montague on August 5 turns out before scheduling a meeting date for Gill. If Montague agrees to the budget proposal from the School Committee, Gill would be alright. If Montague does not pass the School Committee's request, we are going to a district meeting regardless of what Gill votes.

Recreation Committee

Ronnie announced that the Recreation Committee has overspent their revolving fund, but did not have a final figure at the moment. Tracy reported that the Committee has also cancelled its summer program because of low enrollment. Ann reported that no notice of the summer program had gone home with kids from school, so parents made other arrangements.

Ann suggested dissolving the Recreation Committee for the time being. Chris suggested placing an article on the special town meeting warrant to dissolve the Committee, which would do one of two things: 1) it would truly dissolve the Committee and end the financial problems or 2) it would rally citizens to come forth to save the Committee, perhaps reenergizing it. Both groups agreed to the motion being placed on the warrant.

Local Excise Tax Options

Tabled.

Sewer Enterprise Fund

Tabled.

Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracy Rogers, Town Administrator.

John R. Ward, Selectboard Clerk