

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes**

**February 14, 2008**

Members of the Finance Committee attended the Planning Board Public Hearings on the Zoning Rewrite and the proposed Zoning By-Law change for a subdivision on Baker Street in the Main Meeting Room, Town Hall.

Discussion on Use Table – J. Conroy, Chairman of the Planning Board spoke to the Planning Board agreed to sponsor the article on the Use Table. They would like to have a study group set up in the Fall for review of the Use Table. Residents in the audience spoke to wanting to see the two articles combined into one. Mr. Conroy felt there was no benefit to do this. They are committed to do a review in the Fall with a Committee. There have been 158 changes to the By-Law since in 1956.

FinCom Chairman requested a list of changes since the issuance of the Rewrite document of January 31.

9:15 p.m. - Finance Committee members convened to Room 112 with the following members present: T. Jalkut, T. Bowen, R. Knobel, T. Bowen, C. Lane, L. Donovan, S. Kelliher, M. Hickey, J. Muti, M. Boragine and S. Rose. Also in attendance was Town Administrator M. Boynton and Finance Director M. Good.

Quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman T. Jalkut.

### **March 10, 2008 Special Town Meeting**

General Discussion was held on the Special Town Meeting of March 10, 2008.

Town Administrator spoke to that in order for the Special Town Meeting to go forward with Article 3 from the Board of Selectmen, Board needed to send a letter to the Planning Board by February 13 in order that the articles could be advertised for two succeeding weeks.

Planning Board wants to separate the debate on Articles A and B. Selectmen have concerns that if Article A doesn't pass, Article B can't go forward that is why they are proposing Article C. Some people feel that the uses should be kept in and some people want them. Planning Board has voted 4-0-0 in favor of Article B.

Some Finance Committee Members spoke to not having assurance on the changes. There has not been a document listing the changes that have been made since the January 31,

2008 document. Changes have been made to the sections dealing with Assisted Living and Continuum.

Chairman spoke to the option still being available to have just one article. Planning Board is discussing at their meeting tonight on how to handle the articles at Town Meeting.

Request to be sent to the Town Planner D. Johnson requesting that the Committee receive a list of changes that have been done since the January 31, 2008 document.

Board of Selectmen will be meeting next Wednesday (February 20, 2008) to close the warrant and take a vote of some kind on Articles A, B and maybe C. Finance Committee will have to make a recommendation on the articles on Thursday, February 21, 2008.

Power Plant – Town Administrator spoke to this not being allowed by right, would need a Special Permit. He is unsure whether they could obtain a building permit to grandfather it. Some members feel that there are residents in favor of the power plant.

Mr. Jalkut spoke to the Committee has to make a recommendation on Article A and B, can't recommend that they be combined. Moderator can allow for the two articles to be discussed together, but they would need to be voted upon separately. This is a recommendation from Twin Counsel.

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**MOTION MADE** by R. Knobel, Seconded by S. Kelliher to approve the minutes of January 31, 2008, Motion Approved (10-0-1) (M. Boragine abstained) (11 voting)

### **May 5, 2008 – Spring Annual Town Meeting**

Committee will have to begin discussion on whether they want to operate with sub-committees for the review of the budgets this year.

**MOTION MADE** by R. Knobel, Seconded by S. Rose to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. Motion Approved (11-0-0) (11 voting)

Respectfully submitted,

Clare P. Abril  
Secretary

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