

Budget/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 23, 2002

Attendance: Rolf Olsen, Chairman Budget/Finance Committee; Jane Jordan; Louise Murray; Ernest Allen; Ralph Bartholomew; Ada Brown, Chairman Board of Selectmen; Betty McDermott; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Christine McClellan; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Rolf Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm at the Town Office.

2. Consideration of recommendation of the Warrant Article for Special Town Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2003 to consider the purchase of 51 Main Street.

DISCUSSION: Don Willard explained the proposal for the purchase of 51 Main Street. It was said that the building cost would be in the range of \$1.6 to \$1.9 million which did not include the site work or demo of current buildings. There was discussion of whether this purchase was premature to the process in that the Building Committee had just been formed and the needs of the project have not been decided. The fact that the property could be leased during the interim planning time was mentioned and if the lot was not used then it could be sold.

MOTION: Jane Jordan motioned to recommend the article in the amount of \$79,500. Seconded by Louise Murray.

VOTE: 2 in favor (Jordan, Murray) 3 opposed (Olsen, Bartholomew, Allen)

NOTE: Since the entire nine members of the Budget/Finance Committee are needed to carry a majority vote, it was stated that the Warrant Article would indicate that there was no recommendation.

3. Adjourn.

MOTION: Ernest Allen motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Louise Murray.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Rolf Olsen adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk