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Budget/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
2005-2006 Municipal and School Budget
Monday, March 21, 2005

Budget/Finance Committee present: Rolf Olsen, Chairman; Frank McDermott; Suzie Brockelbank; Jean Carter; Dennis Cole; Louise Murray; David Rowe; and Ralph Bartholomew.

Budget/Finance Committee member absent: Coleen Laprise.

Selectmen present: Betty McDermott, Chairman; Christine McClellan; and Mike Reynolds.

Selectmen absent: Mark Gendron and Ada Brown.

School Committee present: Deborah Adams

School Committee absent: Frank Dexter, Brenda Stevenson, Lisa Friedlander; and Jeraldine Keane.

Staff present: Sandra Caldwell, Superintendent; and Charles Miller, Principal Jordan-Small Middle School.

Others present: Charles Cole; Charles Leavitt; and several others.

1. Call to order. Rolf Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.

2. Approval of Minutes.

a. March 7, 2005

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Jean Carter.

VOTE: Unanimous.

b. March 14, 2005

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Jean Carter.

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Discussion and vote of the 2005-2006 Municipal Budget.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported the changes made by the Selectmen at their last meeting and related the recalculated LD1 percentage at 6.41%. He noted that there was additional Planning Board funding of \$5,000 for ordinance work in addition to the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee funding. He noted that Raymond Baseball reduced their request from \$4,000 to \$1,000. The Selectmen added \$10,000 to produce the *Roadrunner* which will be a stand alone article. There were reductions by the Selectmen in Community Development of \$5,000 and Bulky Waste was reduced to \$100,000. There will be an adjustment with the baseline amount allowed per household

and a coupon book system may be used which Naples and Casco may imitate. In Parks & Recreation Raymond Baseball reduced their amount to \$1,000, but the Selectmen took it out along with the mowing of the Agawam soccer field for \$2,000. The Selectmen deleted the Red Cross request. Their total reduction was \$77,423.00.

In the Administration Account, the Selectmen maintained the current wages for the Assistant CEO but did not increase the hours. That amount of money was kept in the budget to be used to help pay for the town manager's secretary. They also allowed for some funds from the TIF and a couple of the Selectmen donated their salaries for the secretarial position which Mr. Willard felt was not necessary. He continued that the Lake Region Development Council would not be funded this year. The Lake Region Bridgton Chamber of Commerce was reduced to \$1,000. The net budget stands at 5.52%, which is below the LD1 level. With the *Roadrunner* and digital broadcast studio, the total amount will come in under the LD1 number. Mr. Olsen questioned the bulky waste amount where it was reduced but nothing shows for income. Mr. Willard explained that a meeting between the three towns has yet to work it out. Mrs. Carter questioned how much the residents would be paying and felt that it makes it difficult to vote on this budget item without knowing. She asked if there would be another meeting to discuss this issue. Mr. Willard said that all would be discussed and presented in the near future. Mr. Reynolds said they had planned extra money for picking up articles found around town and waste from the municipal facilities as well.

The LRDC representative Brigitte Marston reported that they had seen 105 Raymond clients from July 1, 2004 to the end of February 2005. She said that they provide financial counseling, referrals to other agencies, and finding grant resolutions. Ms. Marston continued that they have concentrated on Bridgton and Raymond and this year will be Naples. They helped organize the Lake Region Transportation Coalition, Route 302 and You, looking at issues along the Route 302 corridor. She noted that they work with the small businesses in the area free of charge which is a convenience to them in not having to travel to Portland or elsewhere. They were still working with Embedtec in getting the employment required for the bond criteria associated with the waterline improvement. Mrs. Carter said there were several groups working on the same issues and felt we couldn't fund all of them. Mrs. McClellan said the cut was intended to allow more funding for the upkeep of Raymond's Route 302 corridor through the TIF budget.

Mr. Bartholomew asked about the benefits for Raymond with Embedtec/Chipco employment. Mr. Willard said that \$3.5 million in new value has been added to our tax base and the LRDC has tried to promote new job creation. She answered that so far they have hired more than 20 people which are at the higher paying jobs. She said they were trying to get the medium pay rate job established but that it was slow in part because of the high level of security clearance needed because of the Chipco business being very security sensitive. Mr. Willard announced that Raymond still has their capital reserve of \$50,000 which hasn't been drawn on because Chipco/Embedtec has been paying their taxes.

Mrs. Carter questioned the CPI increase and wanted to know how many people were getting this raise. Mr. Willard said that this year there is a 3% raise even though the North East Region is closer to 3.5%. He wasn't sure how many people were involved.

Mr. Bartholomew asked whether the employment survey completed three years ago included benefits. Mr. Willard replied yes and it was for an area within 20 miles of Raymond excluding Portland. Mr. Bartholomew asked if the benefit percentages would be

set in stone or could be changed with another survey showing a change in other municipalities. Mr. Willard said it was possible, but felt that Raymond must have a comprobable probable package to other municipalities to keep good employees. Mr. Bartholomew felt that many businesses do expect some help with the cost of medical insurance by the employees. Mr. Leavitt added that the One Raymond effect was to keep the municipal employees in line with the school employees' benefits.

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any property acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes pursuant to the policy adopted by the Selectmen, as may be amended from time to time, the policy to remain consistent with State statutes and laws. In all cases conveyance to be made by municipal quitclaim deed.

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to recommend. Seconded by Louise Murray.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what date taxes will be due and to set an interest rate for unpaid amounts.

The Selectmen recommend 1st half to be due October 31, 2005 and 2nd half to be due April 30, 2006 with interest at seven and seventy five percent (7.75%) on any unpaid balances.

MOTION: Dave Rowe motioned to recommend. Seconded by Frank McDermott.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE : To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at seven and .75 percent (7.75%) for the fiscal year.

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to recommend. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of Town owned personal property with value not to exceed \$35,000 and for such authority to begin May 22, 2005.

MOTION: Dave Rowe motioned to recommend. Seconded by Frank McDermott.

VOTE: Carried

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow from or appropriate from fund balance (surplus) as they deem advisable to meet the unanticipated needs of the community that occur during the fiscal year.

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to accept the Selectmen's recommendation. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, for the fiscal year 2005-2006, to transfer funds between appropriation accounts as long as the grand total of all appropriations is not exceeded. Any such transfers to be approved only at a properly called public meeting of the Selectmen.

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to recommend. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE : To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of Town employees and/or Town owned equipment or independent contractor(s) hired by the Town for maintenance on private roads in special and certain circumstances where in the public's interest.

Note of explanation -- Three examples of when the use of Town employees and equipment is necessary include the following:

- A. Tying in work done on a public road that intersects a private road;
- B. Plowing snow on a private road to clear the way for emergency response apparatus; and
- C. In rare or emergency situations, maintaining private roads for school bus access to special education students as deemed necessary.

MOTION: Jean Carter motioned to recommend. Seconded by Louise Murray.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE : To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to recommend. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the tax increment of the Pipeline / RT 302 Tax Increment Financing District for FY2005/2006 projects proposed in the Tax Increment Financing District Development Program.

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to recommend the amount of \$229,000 with the recommendation that the Selectmen exclude the \$1,000 for the Lake Region Bridgton Chamber of Commerce membership fee and the rest of the funds be used for recreation programs in Raymond keeping the baseball and soccer in mind. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

AMENDMENT: Frank McDermott amended his motion to the amount of \$229,004. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. McClellan didn't think that recreation was a place where the TIF money could be used. Mr. Willard said he would check with counsel to see.

VOTE: Carried.

Amount requested: (\$227,754) voted \$229,004.

DISCUSSION: Mr. McDermott questioned about referendum voting and whether this would be prudent for some issues where people could vote who would not be able to come to the town meeting.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Administration account.

Amount requested: \$487,756

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the Selectmen's recommendation.

Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Assessing account.

Amount requested: \$51,720

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen.
Seconded by Louise Murray.
VOTE: Carried

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Office account.

Amount requested: \$30,688

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen.
Seconded by Dave Rowe.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Insurance account.

Amount requested: \$454,003

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen.
Seconded by Louise Murray.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Assistance account.

Amount requested: \$2,000

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen.
Seconded by Dave Rowe.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Technology Department account.

Amount requested: \$62,050

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen.
Seconded by Dave Rowe.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Carter had a problem with including the salary for someone who may not be necessary if the digital broadcasting studio is not passed by town meeting. Mr. Willard said that additional funds were included in the item but felt that if the broadcasting studio didn't pass the amount could be reduced.

AMENDMENT: Jean Carter amended the motion to lower the Technology Department amount by \$2,000 because it may not be needed if the digital broadcasting studio is not passed for a total of \$60,050. Seconded by Ralph Bartholomew.

DISCUSSION: Mr. McDermott asked whether it was the purview of the Budget Committee to change the amounts. It was decided that they could suggest a different amount.

AMENDMENT VOTE: Failed
ORIGINAL MOTION VOTE: Carried

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Community Development account.

Amount requested: \$47,000

MOTION: Jean Carter motioned to take \$3,000 from the \$47,000 and make it \$44,000 for the milfoil program. Seconded by Dennis Cole.
VOTE: Failed

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen. Seconded by Dave Rowe.
VOTE: Carried

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department account.

Amount requested: \$576,346

MOTION: Dave Rowe motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen. Seconded by Louise Murray.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Carter questioned the increase in the heating oil for the Public Safety building.

VOTE: Carried

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Animal Control account.

Amount requested: \$8,314

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to accept the recommendation of the Selectmen. Seconded by Dave Rowe.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Infrastructure account.

Amount requested: \$ 18,000

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen. Seconded by Suzie Brockelbank.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works account.

Amount requested: \$ 460,313

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen.
Seconded by Louise Murray.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste account.

Amount requested: \$ 529,448

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen.
Seconded by Louise Murray.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bartholomew questioned the amount brought to the site and the income derived from that for the site and feared that if it was reduced too much, the site might have financial difficulties. Mr. Willard said that David Morton, Town Manager of Casco, didn't have a concern about that possibility.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemeteries account.

Amount requested: \$ 16,784

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen.
Seconded by Louise Murray.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Carter questioned the extra money for the some of the things requested. Mrs. McDermott said it was for items like surveying the new cemetery addition in North Raymond and fencing of a private cemetery which must be done.

AMENDMENT: Jean Carter amended the Cemetery Account to \$14,000. No second.

ORIGINAL MOTION VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Parks account.

Amount requested: \$ 12,575

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen.
Seconded by Louise Murray.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bartholomew questioned taking the mowing of the Agawam soccer field out. Mr. Reynolds felt that the program should pay for the expenses as a cost saving measure for the town. Mr. Willard said that if some way of paying for the mowing is found then the program could use the field. Mr. Olsen felt that we should find a way to pay for this to keep the program because some of the other recreational activities use town facilities which don't entail this type of expense. Mr. McDermott felt that the \$1,000 taken from the Chamber of Commerce could be used here. Mr. Bartholomew thought this was an extension of the other

town fields and should be mowed by the town. Mrs. Carter suggested going to bid on all the mowing. Mr. Olsen asked if there were any TIF funds available. Mr. Willard said that the total use was up over last year. Mr. Olsen thought we should find a way to mow the field for our recreation program.

VOTE: Carried

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Village Library.

Amount requested: \$ 25,000

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Unclassified accounts.

Amounts requested:	2004-2005 level
Tri-County Mental Health	\$ 2,712
Community Health Services	\$ 4,000
P.R.O.P.	\$ 5,100
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	\$ 1,872
Regional Transportation	\$ 2,750
Casco Senior Citizens Meals	\$ 500
Family Crisis Shelter	\$ 1,000
Raymond Extended Day Care	\$ 3,684
Sexual Assault Response Service	\$ 250
Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club	\$ 1,600

Amount requested: \$21,755

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see whether the Town will vote to carry forward any existing fund balance in the Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) account.

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to recommend approval. Seconded by Jean Carter.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Improvement account.

Amount requested: \$503,506

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Carter thought that the solid waste bond should be included with the other bonds. Mr. Olsen said that it was originally in the CIP and needs to stay there. Mrs. Carter wanted to have them together so that the taxpayers would know how much bonding for which we were responsible.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the County Tax account.

Amount requested: \$454,778

MOTION: Dave Rowe motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen. Seconded by Frank McDermott.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the total sum of \$1,821,691 from estimated non-property tax revenues to reduce the property tax commitment, together with all categories of funds which may be available from the federal government.

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to accept the recommendation of the Selectmen. Seconded by Suzie Brockelbank.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to accept certain State Funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and any other funds provided by any other entity included but not limited to:

- A. Municipal Revenue Sharing
- B. Local Road Assistance
- C. Emergency Management Assistance
- D. Snowmobile Registration Money
- E. Tree Growth Reimbursement
- F. General Assistance Reimbursement
- G. Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement
- H. State Grant or Other Funds

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to recommend. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to publish the *Roadrunner*.

Amount requested: \$10,000

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Carter felt that the *Roadrunner* was not necessary because there are other newspaper sources, and we shouldn't be competing with local business. She felt it was too fancy and expensive. Mr. Leavitt read email comments from the town manager dated January

2005. Mrs. Brockelbank felt there was value in the *Roadrunner* but felt that some things could be reduced i.e. color photos in order to reduce the expense.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$58,000 from undesignated fund balance (surplus) for the purpose of the construction of a digital broadcast studio.

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the Selectmen. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bartholomew felt that the time is not right because of manpower being cut back. He added that volunteers were not readily available and felt that it might be a big problem. Mr. Rowe said that he had been informed that this would be turnkey equipment and take little manpower to operate. Mrs. Brockelbank questioned the level of surplus if this passes. Mr. Willard said it would leave it at about \$1,400,000 which is slightly below what the auditors suggest.

VOTE: Failed

ARTICLE : To see if the Town of Raymond will authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation to acquire the picnic area known as Panther Run Picnic Area on Roosevelt Trail (U.S. Route 302).

MOTION: Dave Rowe motioned to recommend approval of this article. Seconded by Frank McDermott.

VOTE: Carried.

RECESS: Rolf Olsen recessed the meeting at 9:25 pm.

RE-OPEN: Rolf Olsen re-opened the meeting at 9:30 pm.

4. Discussion and vote of the 2005-2006 Raymond School Department Budget. Mr. Olsen asked if there were any changes from last week. Mrs. Caldwell replied none.

DISCUSSION: Charles Cole asked if the MEA test results show what is being accomplished and the effectiveness of teaching programs in Maine. Is it a fair indicator? Mrs. Caldwell replied that it's not meant to be used alone but in conjunction with other factors. Mr. Cole asked what other tests. Mrs. Caldwell noted the Terra Nova test, Star Math, Star Reading, and also a local assessment test. Mr. Cole asked if those results were available. Mrs. Caldwell replied yes at least in Raymond, but she wasn't sure about other school systems.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Health Services.

The School Committee requests \$ 71,173

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation

and other revenues for Library Services.

The School Committee requests \$ 70,126

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee. Seconded by Louise Murray.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Office of the Superintendent/School Board.

The School Committee requests \$ 281,459

MOTION: Dave Rowe motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee. Seconded by Frank McDermott.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Operation and Maintenance of Plant.

The School Committee requests \$ 619,644

Amended by Sandra Caldwell by \$4,000 to \$615,644

MOTION: Dave Rowe motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee as amended. Seconded by Suzie Brockelbank.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Student Transportation.

The School Committee requests \$ 372,473

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Caldwell indicated that Line 103 of the Raymond Elementary School budget goes from \$55,000 to \$50,500 and line 190 of the Jordan-Small Middle School budget goes from \$37,000 to \$35,000

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Contingency.

The School Committee requests \$ 30,000

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Regular Elementary Instruction.

The School Committee requests \$ 2,260,829 corrected to **\$2,408,720**

MOTION: Dave Rowe motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee.
Seconded by Frank McDermott.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Regular Elementary K-8 Guidance Services.

The School Committee requests \$ 92,129

MOTION: Dave Rowe motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee.
Seconded by Frank McDermott.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Improvement to Instruction.

The School Committee requests \$ 61,481

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Regular Secondary (9-12) Instruction.

The School Committee requests \$ 2,041,740

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Special Education.

The School Committee requests \$ 1,396,294 corrected to **\$1,390,244**

MOTION: Dave Rowe motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee.
Seconded by Frank McDermott.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Elementary/Middle School Administration.

The School Committee requests \$ 294,480

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Elementary Middle School Co-Curricular.

The School Committee requests \$ 35,680

MOTION: Dave Rowe motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee. Seconded by Frank McDermott.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation and other revenues for Food Service.

The School Committee requests \$ 10,000

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to purchase a new school bus.

The School Committee requests \$ 40,000

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the foundation allocation for school purposes (recommended \$0,000,000) and to see what sum the Town will raise as the local share of the foundation allocation.

The School Committee requests \$ **TBA**

Mrs. Caldwell said that the foundation allocation is in progress and said she would get them the amount after the School Committee meeting April 6, 2005. Mr. Olsen asked if there would also be an article for the amount over the EPS amount. Mrs. Caldwell replied yes.

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ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will raise as the local share of debt service.

The School Committee requests \$ 668,104 of which \$ 389,757 shall be the state share and \$ 278,347 shall be the local share.

The School Committee requests \$ 668,104 **CHANGE**

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see what sum the Town will raise in additional local funds under the provisions of 20-1, M.R.S.A., Section 15614.

The School Committee requests \$TBA be raised and appropriated and \$TBA be appropriated from existing surplus, and \$TBA from Medicaid Reimbursement for a total of \$TBA

The School Committee requests \$ 967,821

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ARTICLE : To see what sum the Municipality will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006 from the foundation allocation, debt service allocation, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, local appropriations, State subsidy and other receipts for the support of the schools.

The School Committee requests \$ 8,493,503 **corrected to \$8,483,453**

MOTION: Dave Rowe motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee. Seconded by Frank McDermott.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee, for the fiscal year 2005-2006, to transfer funds between budget programs so long as the grand total of all appropriations is not exceeded. Any such transfers to be approved only at a properly called public meeting of the School Committee.

The School Committee recommends approval of this article.

MOTION: Frank McDermott motioned to approve the recommendation of the School Committee. Seconded by Dave Rowe.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE: Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature and any other funds which may be provided by any other entity?

Category	Estimated Amount
Local Entitlement	\$
IDEA (Part B) Local Entitlement	\$
R.E.A.P.	\$
N.C.L.B. Title 11A	\$
Title 11D	\$
Title V	\$
Title 1	\$

The School Committee requests \$

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NOTE: The next School Committee meeting will be April 6, 2005.

The next Budget Committee meeting to vote on the rest of the articles needed will be April 11, 2005 or earlier if possible.

ADJOURNED: Rolf Olsen adjourned the meeting at 9:58 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk