

**Needham Finance Committee  
Minutes of Meeting of May 12, 2010**

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by the Chair, Lisa Zappala, at approximately 7:18 pm in the Auditorium of the Newman School.

Present from the Finance Committee: Lisa Zappala, Chair  
Rick Zimbone, Vice Chair  
Matthew Borrelli  
John Connelly  
Richard Creem  
Richard Lunetta  
Steven Rosenstock  
Michael Taggart (arrived 7:22 pm)

**Citizen Requests:** There were no citizen requests to address the Finance Committee.

**Vote Annual Town Meeting Article 31, Appropriate to Community Preservation Fund, as amended**

MOVED: By Mr. Rosenstock that the Finance Committee recommend adoption of Article 31, Appropriate to the Community Preservation Fund, as amended, in the amount of \$1,005,000. Mr. Zimbone seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0. (Mr. Taggart had not arrived.)

**Annual Town Meeting Article 43, Omnibus**

A written resolution was presented by a Town Meeting Member calling for the Town to make certain fundraising efforts. Ms. Zappala asked whether the committee wanted to vote on the resolution. She said that compliance with the resolution presented issues regarding staffing and potential conflicts. Another possible issue was whether the time and way the resolution was brought forth was appropriate. Mr. Borrelli noted that the written language was too narrow, and required the Town to accept fundraising proposals with very limited exceptions. Mr. Zimbone agreed. Ms. Zappala stated that committee members could speak about the resolution as citizens if they have individual opinions. Mr. Creem noted that it is a non-binding resolution, so there is a question whether there are financial implications. Ms. Zappala stated that she did not like the idea of fundraising and having certain citizens pay more based on their interest in a project, and that the Town needs to be careful. She also noted that fundraising or advertising is not sustainable, and cannot be used to fund any operating costs.

Mr. Lunetta stated that the Finance Committee should take a position, that it could be a slippery slope if the committee chose to stay silent. He said if the committee agrees with

the Selectmen, then they should present a unified front. Mr. Taggart stated that the committee should take a position. He stated that he did not oppose de minimus fundraising, but did not support the efforts outlined here. He felt that the chair should speak to the issue. Mr. Zimbone agreed and stated that the committee should make clear that no fundraising can go toward operating costs.

MOVED: By Mr. Zimbone that the Finance Committee take a position against the adoption of the proposed resolution offered under Article 43, Omnibus. Mr. Lunetta seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

### **Suspend**

MOVED: By Mr. Rosenstock that the meeting of the Finance Committee be suspended and reconvened as necessary during the course of Town Meeting. Mr. Borrelli seconded the motion. The meeting of the Finance Committee was suspended by a unanimous vote: 8-0, at approximately 7:28 pm.

### **Adjourn**

MOVED: By Mr. Zimbone to adjourn the meeting of the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lunetta. The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote: 7-0 at approximately 10:05 pm. (Mr. Taggart had left the meeting at 9:45 pm)

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Mizgerd,  
Executive Secretary