

**MINUTES**

**FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

January 12, 2006

Present: Chair Jim Casella  
David DeVries  
James Halpin  
Roger Leland

Absent: Vice-Chair Jason Perreault

Also Present: Town Administrator  
Police Chief  
Fire Chief

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Approval of Minutes of January 5, 2006

Motion to approve made and seconded; and approved unanimously.

The Police Chief provided a review of the Police Department's Capital Improvement Project.

The Fire Chief provided a review of the Fire Department's Capital Improvement Projects.

The Fire Chief presented the need to move the Ladder Truck Replacement Project forward from FY 2008 to FY 2007 due to impact of the Avalon Bay and Brendon Properties Retail Developments, which will be contributing \$400,000 towards the cost of the replacement of the Ladder Truck.

The Committee discussed the Fire Station Renovation/Addition Project as well as the alternative to just undertaking renovations.

Motion by Roger Leland to recommend including funding for an Architectural Study to evaluate the Renovation/Addition, as well as the alternative for renovations for FY 2007 (\$75,000).

Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

The Town Administrator provided brief presentations on the Town Hall Repairs Project, MIS/GIS Aerial Photography Project, and the Emergency Preparedness Communications Tower Project.

The Committee decided to await receipt of information from the Assessor and review Debt Policy for recommendations for changes, and discuss the definition of “Affordability” further at the next meeting.

Other Business

Jim Halpin clarified information on the Regional High School Addition/Renovation Project received in an email by the Chair that contained inaccuracies.

The Chair discussed the status of the K-8 Schools’ Capital Improvement Projects. Jim Halpin reported that the K-8 Schools’ Subcommittee met today to discuss the projects, and the Subcommittee to the Northborough School Committee will be proposing that the projects be presented in a phased approach covering the time period of FY 2007 – FY 2015. The presentation will be made to the Northborough School Committee on February 1, 2006. The Committee requested that the School Superintendent be invited to meet with the Financial Planning Committee following the February 1, 2006 School Committee Meeting to further discuss the projects.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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