

MINUTES

FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

November 14, 2006

Present: Chair Jason Perreault
James Casella
David DeVries
Michael Hodge
Roger Leland

Absent: Vice-Chair James Halpin

Also present: Selectmen Bakstran

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

Approval of October 26, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Approval of minutes of the October 26, 2006 meeting was moved by Jim Casella, seconded by Roger Leland, and carried unanimously.

Update on ARHS MSBA cost/grant apportionment

Chair Jason Perreault reported on the October 31, 2006 memo sent to the Regional School District concerning apportionment of the State Grant.

Review final draft for criteria to define Capital Spending versus Maintenance Spending

Michael Hodge presented the final draft he and Mr. Casella prepared.

David DeVries moved to approve the final draft; motion seconded and approved unanimously.

Copies of the guidelines will be distributed to Departments, Boards and Committees.

Review goal to measure debt position and define "affordability".

Committee discussed ways to define affordability including:

- Percentage of Assessed Valuation
- Allocation of a Dollar Amount on the Tax Rate
- Percentage of Budget

Michael Hodge suggested looking at Median Household Income and allocation of a percentage of Household Income for housing costs including property taxes as a way to validate affordability.

Chair will summarize alternatives for next Meeting.

Any other business to come before the Committee

Committee scheduled Meetings for November 28 and December 14, 2006 to review Capital Improvement Projects with Departments. Additional Meetings will be scheduled after Committee members consult their calendars.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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