

Town of Winchendon
Winchendon Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ulysse Maillet, Cyndi Leroy, Thomas Kane, Darlene Rossi, Robert Guenther and Christian Orobello

Absent: Ottmar Rau

MATERIALS Agenda for April 1, 2015 meeting
Minutes March 25, 2015 meeting
Special Town Meeting Warrant
Monty Tech Budget (handed out only)

Article 1- Selectmen Barrows read the joint statement of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager James M. Kreidler Jr.

Selectmen Barrows read Article 2

Finance Committee member Ulysse Maillet asked how much is in the stabilization account. The Town Manager answered that at the end of June there is 1.6 million. This is prior to if Article 2 passes dollars.

The Town Manager James Kreidler Jr. discussed what Article 1 said. He said the following. This is an opportunity to move ahead. If you didn't renew my contract then you would have paid me 8 months plus 1 year per my contract. With the upcoming change in the composition of the Board of Selectmen I would be terminated. The town would have liability with a minimum of 18 to 24 months paid and maybe a wrongful termination suit which could result in triple damages. To avoid what could be, this is the deal. I needed to repair the issue and have a balanced FY16 budget which will be done. I need to repair my name. He commented why his contract was done when it was. He said that my contract is always done in the fall. The board had to do something by December 31st. If nothing was done then it would be an automatic renewal. It

was usual and customary. If the vote is no on Article 2 then by the terms I would continue working.

Finance Committee member Darlene Rossi asked how does the DOR feel about this? Town Manager James Kreidler Jr. said that they expressed concern since 3 million has been extended thru legislation. Town resident Ms. Danielle Hart asked if the future board would have to sign anything. James Kreidler said that the future board would not be required to sign anything. Finance Committee member Christian Orobello stated that the issues of the town don't fall on a certain person or group. This article or a new board does not solve our problems. This doesn't create a solution. We need to put systems in place.

Town Manager James Kreidler Jr. stated that I have no interest to be subjected to what I think I would be with a new board. Vote yes if you don't like me or if you like me and value my work. Vote yes because I won't be here long. This is the best for the town.

A motion to adjourn the public meeting and reconvene the regular meeting after a short break was made by Christian Orobello and second by Robert Guenther.

Kane(Y) Maillet(Y) Leroy(Y) Guenther(Y) Rossi(Y) Orobello(Y)

The public meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

The regular Finance Committee Meeting was reconvened at 7:48pm.

Chairman Kane said that Article 1 is the reports from the Finance and from the Board of Selectmen. Article 2 is a Separation and Release Agreement.

A motion was made by Robert Guenther to move to recommend Article 2 and was second by Cyndi Leroy. Finance Committee member Robert Guenther said that the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager Mr. Kreidler have a good solution to the problem. This is a cut and dry agreement. I feel this is fair. Ulysse Maillet said that we have problems in the town. We are divided, as long as you keep the division nothing is going to be solved. The next couple of years are going to be very difficult. Three hundred thousand is coming out of stabilization that we need. We need some stable government. An interim Town Manger is going to be chaos for a long time. Sometimes we have to do things we don't want to do. Christian Orobello said that I would like to see this town get passionate about our town. Focus that passion for something good. Chairman Kane said that it is in the best interest of the town that Mr. Kreidler moves on. I'm concerned that it is presented that you go along with this negotiation or it will cost the town more money. It's the presumption that the future Board of Selectmen won't act responsibly. The town would either Vote yes to Article 2 or have the Town Manager for future years. Darlene Rossi said that this isn't going to be a quick fix.

Vote on Article 2

Kane(N) Maillet(Y) Leroy(Y) Guenther(Y) Rossi(Y) Orobello(Y)

The Finance Committee Recommends for Article 2. Vote 5 yes 1 no

Chairman Kane handed out the Monty Tech Budget that Mr. Gould gave him.

Future meetings: Town Meeting Monday April 6th

Finance Committee Meetings April 7th and April 9th

Minutes: A motion was made by Ulysse Maillet and second by Cyndi Leroy to accept the minutes of March 25, 2015.

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Chairman Kane said he met with CPA Eric Kinship. He said that he sent out five quotes for the town audit of the health insurance. The deadline is April 25th. This audit has a completion date of end of the fiscal year.

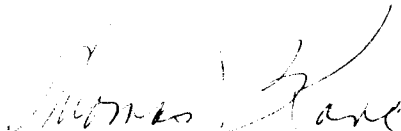
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Dennis
Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved


Chairman Thomas Kane


Ulysse Maillet


Robert Guenther


Cyndi Leroy


Darlene Rossi


Christian Orobello