

MAY 11, 2005
BOARD OF FINANCE MONTHLY MEETING
MARLBOROUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7:30 P.M.

Chairman Mike Gut called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Finance at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mike Gut, William Secord, Brian Breedon, Joseph LaBella and seated for Carl Cavaliere was alternate John Cunningham.

There were no guests present.

There was no public forum.

Mr. Gut said he had received one letter from a Marlborough resident questioning Tom Giola regarding the mowing of cemeteries and ballfields however he had not brought the letter with him this evening but would present it at the June regular meeting of the Board.

Mr. Gut said he has spoken to Al Covino regarding the RHAM budget. A meeting will be held soon and a date set for the next referendum. On Monday, May 16th a meeting of RHAM BOE will be held to make some decisions on the budget.

A MOTION was made to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2005 workshop meeting, the April 13, 2005 regular monthly meeting, the April 25, 2005 Public Hearing and the May 9, 2005 Town Meeting by William Secord and seconded by Brian Breedon. All voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

In regard to the Town Monthly Financial Reports submitted by Jill Oguschewitz, Mr. Secord asked what CAAA was. Mr. Gut will question Ms. Oguschewitz and have an answer by the next meeting.

A discussion was held about the recent process of the budget. Mr. Gut asked for questions, comments, suggestions for improvements for next year. Mr. Secord thought that using the laptop to compute frequent changes during the process was a big help in obtaining instant information about numbers. All agreed it would be helpful to use one again next year. All members considered the last-minute proposal submitted by the BOS for the maintainer position in Public Works and the suggestion to reopen the Charter Revision possibility to be one problem that occurred in the process. Members felt that Administration of the town was not challenged as much this past year as in other years. All understood that key persons in the town have knowledge about specifics in town that the Board does not always have. However all expressed fear about the potential for the large tax increase for next year however it was felt that the high tax collection rate of our town will compensate to a degree.

There were no requests for transfers however many are expected next month due to the end of the fiscal year.

A MOTION to adjourn was made at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Preissner
Board Clerk