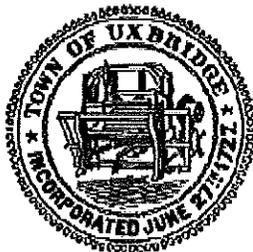


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Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 14, 2011

Place: Board of Selectmen Room

Present:

Peter DeMers	P	Mark Andrews	P	Howard Fortner	P
Christine Horwath	P	John Morawski	P	Ray Wright	P
Open position	n/a				

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

1. Reserve Fund Transfers

This agenda item was passed over tonight and will be presented at tomorrow's meeting.

2. Public Hearing- June 23, 2011 Special Town Meeting warrant

The focus of tonight's Public Hearing is Article 1, a citizens' petition to amend the zoning by-laws regarding solar power.

The sponsor of the Article, Mr. Stephen O'Connell, spoke for the Article. Mr. O'Connell cited his experience in this area, having worked on a Request For Proposal for a project on Bangma property in the past.

The intent of this Article is to allow solar energy "farms" to be granted approval by a special permit from the Planning Board in Residential Zones B and C, Agricultural, Business, and Industrial. These farms would not be allowed in Residential Zone A. Currently, the by-laws only allow for this type of solar farm by special permit from the Planning Board in Industrial Zones. According to Mr. O'Connell, both the State of Massachusetts and the Federal Government offer incentives for solar energy production, yet developers shy away from the Town of Uxbridge, because of concerns over permitting and time and costs needed to move through the process.

The Finance Committee asked questions about emissions, the need for additional transfer stations, jobs, power production capacity, disposal of solar cells, the exclusion of Residential

Zone A, and the size needed for a solar power farm to function profitably. Mr. O'Connell answered the Committee's questions.

Mr. Peter Bagdasarian spoke against the Article and began by reading State Law to make the point that State Law ought to supersede the Town's zoning by-laws and that the Article is unnecessary. Mr. Bagdasarian also stated that the Article, as written, is overly restrictive by specifying that the qualifying condition that the allowable solar farms must be "Ground Mounted."

At the conclusion of the Committee's questions and the remarks from the public, the Committee discussed closing the Public Hearing. Mr. Andrews asked about closing the Public Hearing prior to the informational meeting of the School Building Committee later in the week. Mr. Fortner expressed dissatisfaction with the proponents of Article 2, the Board of Selectmen, for not bringing forth more information on the Article. Mr. DeMers noted that if the Public Hearing were not closed, the Committee would not have sufficient time to post agendas for new meetings prior to the June 23, 2011 Special Town Meeting.

Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To close the Public Hearing for Article 1 and Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting.				
1 st	JM	2 nd	CH	Vote	5-1-0

The motion to close the Public Hearing for Article 1 and Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting passed.

3. Old Business

None.

4. New Business

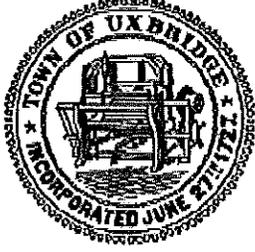
None.

5. Adjournment

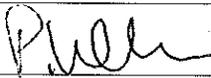
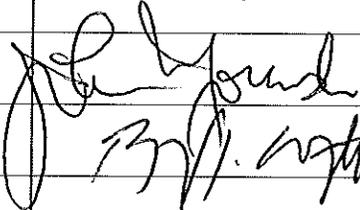
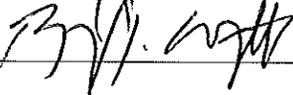
Motion/Second/Discussion Vote

Motion	To adjourn meeting.				
1 st	MA	2 nd	JM	Vote	6-0-0

The motion to adjourn the meeting passed.



Finance Committee Approval Sheet

Name	Signature	Date
Peter DeMers		06/23/2011
Mark Andrews		
Howard Fortner		6-23-11
Christine Horwath		
John Morawski		6/23/2011
Ray Wright		6/23/2011

