

# Town of Lunenburg

Finance Committee:  
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## Lunenburg Finance Committee Minutes 3/27/2014

Location: Town Hall  
Present: M. Erickson, J. Henshaw, T. Burchfield, B. Laffond, S. Raboin,  
Absent: J. Smith, K. Menard

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting is televised and available through local cable and rebroadcast through lunenburgaccess at youtube.
2. Sewer Enterprise Fund  
Carl Luck of the Sewer Commission presented the 2015 enterprise fund budget and discussed a borrowing to connect users to the Fitchburg and Leominster sewer mains.
3. Lane Property  
Brandon Kibbe of the Open Space Ad Hoc Committee presented information regarding a Warrant Article to purchase a parcel of property abutting the Town Forest which would greatly increase access to the forest while protecting the land and waterways in the area. The Open Space Committee is putting forward the article to purchase the property contingent upon obtaining a state grant which would fund 60% of the purchase. The Town would fund the remainder of the purchase price, about \$230,000 over 5 or 10 years.
4. Public Hearing of the 2015 Budget opened at 8:30pm  
The Town Manager provided a final review of the budget, and noted that some information will be presented next week before the unallocated figures are finally allocated. The Committee decided to move the 4/10 meeting to 4/3 in order to finish the related discussions in advance of the warrant being distributed. Public Hearing closed at 8:50pm.
5. Warrant Article Review  
Several moneyed articles were taken up. All other moneyed articles were held as more information was needed.  
Articles 1-6 are the revolving fund articles set up to receive fees for departments. BL motioned to recommend approval of Articles 1-6. SR seconded; motion carried 5-0.  
JH motioned to recommend approval of Article 15, to raise and appropriate or transfer \$285,000 to operate the Solid Waste Disposal Enterprise Fund. BL seconded; motion carried 5-0.  
JH motioned to recommend approval of Article 16, to raise and appropriate or transfer \$25,000 to operate the Water Department Enterprise Fund. SR seconded; motion carried 5-0.  
BL motioned to recommend approval of Article 17, to raise and appropriate or transfer \$814,242 to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund. JH seconded; motion carried 5-0.  
JH motioned to recommend approval of Article 21, to appropriate by transfer or borrowing up to \$2,200,000 which will be funded through betterments to connect users to sewer mains. SR seconded; motion carried 5-0.  
A motion to recommend approval of Article 26 to set up a Student Transportation Offset Receipt Fund was tabled for next week in order to obtain more information regarding the nature of the account.
6. Committee Reports  
ME reported that the School Committee will hold a public hearing on their budget next week.  
TB reported that the Green Communities Task Force met to continue work on projects proposed for state grants and an energy policy for town employees.
7. Next meetings  
We will meet 4/3 instead of 4/10.  
SR motioned to adjourn. TB seconded, meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Terri Burchfield.