

MINUTES
MIDDLEFIELD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2008 AT 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Joe Kearns, Gita Jozsef, Scott Artioli, Tamarin Laurel Paine and Ed Vivier

Chairman Kearns said that on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 representatives from Firestone will inspect the Town Hall roof. They will sign off on the roof improvements which will enable the 20 year warrantee coverage. A discussion by the Finance Committee followed regarding the roof, the alarm system and the building air exchange handler.

Chairman Kearns discussed the 10% budget cut proposed by the state for the cities and towns. The lottery money could also be decreased.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the transfer of \$1,000 to the payroll service software account.

Finance member Gita Jozsef said that Joe Boudreau, from the state, recommended estimating the 2009 receipts at a lower figure because of the failing economy. Vehicle excise tax should be estimated at \$40,000 because of the poor sales of new cars.

The Finance Committee estimated that the receipts for fiscal 2009 would add \$1 to the tax rate. The tax rate should be set by the end of December.

The Finance Committee also voted 4 in favor, one abstaining, to approve the Planning Board's request for \$300 to purchase a lap top to be used by both the Planning Board and the Master Plan Committee.

The next meeting of the Finance Board will be on Monday, January 26th, at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Vivier
Secretary