

MINUTES
MIDDLEFIELD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 27, 2009

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

Chairman Kearns opened the meeting at 7:08 pm.

The minutes of the April 13, 2009 were accepted as read.

Letters supporting the lottery and casinos by various mayors were mailed to the Finance Committee saying that we could receive as much as \$14,000 in additional aid if casinos were permitted in Ma.

Chairman Kearns explained that the debt exclusion number will be larger by \$25,000. Chairman Kearns also answered a member's question regarding his reason for keeping our town meeting on the first Sat. in May.

The Finance Committee was made aware that the bill for Western Mass Electric of \$2,500 has not been paid. The Chairman will alert the selectmen to the problem which was a billing glitch by WME.

The Finance committee voted unanimously to make available at the pre-town and town meetings copies explaining what a financial management review by the state would entail.

The Finance committee discussed a transfer requested by the Selectmen of \$480 to pay the recording secretary to 6-30-09. There now is \$1,355 in the reserve fund. The committee voted unanimously to lower the request to \$390 to cover services already rendered.

Chairman Kearns updated the committee regarding the loans and bonds for the town hall construction. He also noted that there was \$200,000 in the stabilization fund.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Vivier
Secretary