

MINUTES

MIDDLEFIELD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 26, 2012

PRESENT: Joe Kearns, Gita Jozsef, Scott Artioli, Judy Hoag and Ed Vivier

The meeting opened at 7:15 pm.

The minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting were accepted unanimously as presented.

The Finance Committee continued to review the draft of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Susan Baker-Donnelly was present at the meeting to discuss the Council On Aging and the Library budgets. She passed around a printout of the 2010 census information. The over 65 population for

Middlefield has grown by 62%. She asked that the Finance Committee vote to recommend Article 32 which is a vote to accept the Franklin Regional Transit Authority as the official transportation agent for the COA.

Regarding the library, Susan Baker-Donnelly explained the reasons for raising the library salary budget request to \$5,200. She then passed out a summary of the proposed

duties and responsibilities of the new librarian position. She also noted that while she would do the job temporarily until a new librarian is chosen, she did not want the permanent position for personal reasons. Susan Baker-Donnelly also passed out a very informative packet of information regarding other small towns with under 2,000 populations and their library budgets.

For Article 17, regarding

Vocational Education, the Finance Committee unanimously voted to recommend \$90,000 because of an increase in student population from Middlefield.

Regarding Article 15, the Above Minimum Contribution for the Gateway Regional School District, the Finance Committee voted to recommend \$49,243.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at

7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at
7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Vivier
Secretary