

**Pepperell Finance Committee
Minutes
March 5, 2009**

Members

Present: Burke Bero (Vice-Chair), Chris DeSimone, Stephanie Cronin,
Jeanne LeBlanc, Theresa Walsh (Town Accountant)

Absent: Chris Johnson, Diane Gaspar (Chair)

Opening

Mr. Bero called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Discussions

Reviewed Warrant Articles – no vote was taken.

Reviewed Town Administrator's and BOS's FY10 Proposed Cuts

Prioritized Reductions

Burke Bero recommended Proposed Hourly Reductions and Proposed Salaried Reductions be moved to the bottom of the list.

Chris DeSimone asked if Mental Health funding decrease was included in the FY10 Shortfall.

General consensus for FY10 Proposed Cuts was as follows.

Priority Level	Present FY 10 Shortfall	1,000,837.00
#1	Use Free Cash	-450,000.00
#2	use Stabilization for Capital	-80,000.00
#3	Move to Nashoba BOH Add Unemployment Costs	-40,094.00 7,500.00
#4	Lay-offs	
	PT Police Clerk	-14,618.00
	PT Assessors' Clerk	-14,562.00
	Highway Truck Driver*	-24,773.00
	reduce Medicare	-970.00
	(all personnel savings*.0145)	
	reduce Health Ins	0.00

(Highway employee does not subscribe to Health Insurance)

	add unemployment costs (total layoffs * 1/2)	26,976.00
#5	Freeze Steps	-20,000.00

*(lowest tenured highway employee is 3 days @ Highway, 2 days @ Transfer Station)

New Shortfall 390,296.00

#6 Proposed Hourly Reductions
(1 hr/wk under 20 hrs-2hrs/wk over 20 hrs) -53,735.00

#7 Proposed Salaried Reductions -28,914.00

New Shortfall 307,647.00

Meeting Schedule

- March 12th – Meeting with GIS
- March 19th – Meet with Selectmen
- March 23rd – Meeting with Department Heads at Senior Center

Closing

Mr. Bero moved to adjourn at 8:05pm. Second by Jeanne LeBlanc.