

Minutes – Joint Cost-Savings Subcommittee
Town Hall, Room 121
January 12, 2009
7:30 AM

Pursuant to a notice duly posted with the Town Clerk and with a quorum of members present, the Acton Finance Committee Subcommittee on Cost Savings convened at 7:30 a.m. on January 12, 2010 to review various matters.

Members present for the meeting: Finance Committee members Mary Ann Ashton and Steve Noone, Selectman Mike Gowing, and School Committee member Xuan Kong.

Mary Ann Ashton called the meeting to order. There was no public participation. Mrs. Ashton distributed copies of the agenda. Minutes were not prepared, so she suggested that they could approve minutes at the next meeting. Mrs. Ashton also expressed her concern that the group had not defined a “quorum” for the Joint Subcommittee, and pointed to the fact as of the previous night, neither Mr. Gowing nor Ms. Friedrichs were going to be in attendance. The group agreed that a quorum not only required at least four members (more than half of the group’s six members), but also needed to have at least one representative from each board. Mrs. Ashton agreed to note this in the minutes.

The group then moved on to a discussion of assignments for Category C. Each item required a sponsor from the relevant board (Board of Selectmen, School Committee, or both) and a Finance Committee member willing to work on the assignment. The results are presented in the table below. Ms. Friedrichs was unable to attend the meeting, but had submitted her preferences for assignments via e-mail (circulated to the committee members that morning).

Group Code	CS #		BOS Sponsor	SC Sponsor	Fincom
GROUP C - REVENUE, REVENUE ENHANCEMENT TO BE ANALYZED - NEED SPONSOR, FINCOM MEMBER, STAFF MEMBER					
C - prelim	23	Charge fee for bus service for schools		Kong	Ashton
C - prelim	24	Increase commuter lot parking fee	Gowing		
C	25	Increase all fees on regular, uniform, predictable basis	Gowing	Kong	Ashton
C - prelim	55	Evaluate town-owned lands to see if any can be sold	Gowing		Ashton
C - prelim	56	Investigate use of municipal land for cell tower rental	Gowing		
C - prelim	66	Implement pay-as-you-go/appropriate group fundraising for extracurricular activities at schools.		Kong	
C - prelim	22	Evaluate overlay account on a regular basis to identify possible surplus.			Ashton

Mr. Gowing needed to leave at 8:15 a.m., so Mr. Kong moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Ashton