

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 24, 2011

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**Meeting Date:** August 24, 2011

**Called to Order:** 6:03 PM

**Finance Committee Members Present:** John Hanold, Andrew Killeen and Lynn Reynolds

**Others Present:** Frank Abbondanzio (Town Administrator), Carolyn Olsen (Town Accountant), and Nadine Ekstrom (Superintendent, Gill-Montague Regional School District)

**Minutes**

Finance Committee Moved:

To approve the minutes of July 13, 2011.

Vote: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained

**Nadine Ekstrom, Superintendent of Gill-Montague Regional School District**

Ms. Ekstrom was introduced to Finance Committee members. Mr. Hanold provided a summary of the Finance Committee role in the town budget process and the impact of the district assessment on the town's total budget.

Ms Ekstrom gave an overview of the Accelerated Improvement Plan (AIP) being prepared for the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), which is available for view on the district's web site. The plan provides detail of the focus areas based on DESE's review and findings. There are four key areas of focus.

1. Alignment of curriculum
2. Personnel evaluations
3. Data collection/student assessments
4. Professional development plan

Ms. Ekstrom currently sees no reason not to continue with the compact (which provides a five year plan for the district budget and town assessments).

**Other Business**

Mr. Abbondanzio stated that there will likely be a Special Town Meeting in October.

**List of Documents and Exhibits –**

- Updated Table 2 from John Hanold
- Preliminary list of articles for next town meeting from Frank Abbondanzio

**Next Meetings**

September 7, September 21

Adjourned 7:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Olsen