

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
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The Chair opens the meeting

- Meeting was opened at 6:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room
- **Selectboard Members present:** None
- **Finance Committee members present:** Jen Audley, Fred Bowman, Greg Garrison, John Hanold, and Michael Naughton. Chris Menegoni and Richard Widmer were absent.
- **Others present:** Town Accountant Carolyn Olsen
- The Finance Committee Chair announced that the meeting is being recorded by MCCI and asked if anyone else was recording the meeting. No one else was recording the meeting.

Minutes –

Finance Committee Moved:

To approve the minutes of April 4, 2018.

Vote: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Reserve Fund Transfer

Finance Committee Moved:

To transfer \$2,000 from the Reserve Fund to the ZBA Budget (001-5-176-5345).

Vote: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Reconsideration of money articles and funding sources for Annual Town Meeting

Mr. Naughton noted that we did not actually follow the vote on December 13, 2017 regarding the allocation of the Kearsarge lease in that the town share of the operating split was not allocated to the Town Capital Stabilization. This will be addressed at the Fall 2018 Special Town Meeting.

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Special Town Meeting

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$10,300 to fund police union agreement for fiscal year 2017, to be raised from Free Cash.

Vote: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$28,300 to fund police union agreement for fiscal year 2018, to be funded from Free Cash.

Vote: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Draft Finance Committee Report

Mr. Hanold noted that he asked the Town Clerk several questions regarding what abilities committee members had to contribute suggestions, and essentially there is no way for multiple members to contribute to the report other than by doing it at a meeting. Mr. Naughton expressed frustration at the obstacles to creating the document with input from members resulting from strict interpretation of the open meeting law.

Mr. Hanold asked for additional suggestions for changes to the draft report, noting the changes he had made after last week's meeting.

Ms. Audley suggested that the glossary go on the website, and be referenced in the report rather than including it in the report. Mr. Naughton noted that he had sent out a second, more complete glossary. Mr. Bowman likes having a glossary in the front of the report as being most accessible to readers. Mr. Naughton agrees it should be on the website, and that if the glossary is printed, it should be a separate document. Ms. Audley agrees in spirit to the glossary being on the website, but noted that not everyone has access to a computer, internet, and a printer and likes the idea of a separate glossary document. The glossary currently in the draft report will be removed from the report, but will be printed as a separate document, and also added to the website.

Ms. Audley would like the longer glossary to go on the website, and be issued to new town meeting members, with it to be reviewed and revised as necessary before finalization.

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It was decided to strike the graphs of the budget summary and the composition of the GMRSD assessment. Other suggestions for reorganization and rewordings followed and will be incorporated.

Mr. Hanold will distribute the revised draft via-email on Monday.

Topics not anticipated within in the 48 hour posting requirements

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

List of Documents and Exhibits:

- Minutes of April 4, 2017

Next Meeting Dates:

April 18, 2018 approve Finance Committee Report if needed

EOY Recap How beneficial/useful were the department narratives?