

**MONTAGUE FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 6 PM**  
**This meeting was held via Zoom and recorded:**  
<https://vimeo.com/982262386>

Finance Committee Chair Dorinda Bell-Upp called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Finance Committee members present:** Chair Dorinda Bell-Upp, Vice Chair Fred Bowman, Leigh Rae, Chris Menegoni, Francia Wisnewski, Jennifer Waryas

**Finance Committee members absent:**

**Others present:** Town Accountant Angelica Desroches, Josh Bell (Finance Committee member candidate)

The meeting was recorded by MCTV as well as by Angelica Desroches.

**Reorganization:**

- Ms. Bell-Upp mentioned the possibility of Ms. Rae being the clerk. Ms. Rae expressed interest.
- Ms. Wisnewski made a motion to nominate Ms. Bell-Upp as Chair, Mr. Bowman as Vice Chair, and Ms. Rae as Clerk. Seconded by Ms. Waryas  
Bell-Upp – Aye, Bowman – Aye, Rae – Aye, Menegoni – Aye, Waryas—Aye, Wisnewski—Aye

**Meeting minutes:**

Ms. Rae moved to approve the minutes of June 25, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Menegoni and approved.

Bell-Upp – Aye, Bowman – Aye, Rae – Aye, Menegoni – Aye, Waryas—Aye, Wisnewski—Aye

**Reserve Fund Transfers:**

- Ms. Desroches reported that none were needed at this time. FY25 is wrapping up with no deficits.

**Updates from Town Administrator:**

- None currently. Mr. Ramsey was not in attendance.

**Next Meeting dates/topics:**

- Ms. Bell-Upp opened the floor to discuss what the Finance Committee wants to work on over the summer. She suggested talking about the Heroes Act, meeting with the Capital Improvement Committee in the off season.
- Mr. Bowman discussed wanting to focus sometime on the 6 Town school reorganization vote in the fall. He stated it will have an impact on the budget, and he wants more information so he can advocate for the vote.
- Ms. Wisnewski mentioned wanting to discuss training opportunities from the state Finance Committee group, review policies to make sure they are all up to date, and wanted to offer the possibility of Finance Committee office hours where the public can come in and ask questions.

- Ms. Desroches offered to have the new Assessor, Adam Tocci, come in to meet with the Committee. It could be an introduction to him, discussion on the Heroes Act, and discussion around First Light PILOT.
- Ms. Wisnewski wanted to be more up to date with changes that have come through the Town that affect the finances. Ms. Desroches stated she would attempt to give synopsis after Selectboard meetings where financial decisions were being made.
- Ms. Desroches mentioned that the new financial software is up and running as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Ms. Bell-Upp reported that the next meeting would be either August 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> depending on Mr. Tocci's schedule.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Bowman makes the motion to adjourn at 6:31 PM. Seconded by Mr. Menegoni and approved.

Bell-Upp – Aye, Bowman – Aye, Rae – Aye, Menegoni – Aye, Waryas—Aye, Wisnewski—Aye

Respectfully submitted,  
Angelica Desroches

**Documents and exhibits:**