

Spencer Finance Committee
October 23, 2013

Call meeting to order: 7:05 p.m.

Members Present :Mary Braney, Chair, Paul McLaughlin, Vice Chair, Nancy Herholz, Tom Parker, Bill Wall, Chris Kandel, Robbin Joyce, Julie Parenteau & Chris Bowen.

Guests: Dr. Edward Malvey, Interim Superintendent of SEBRSD; Ms. Julie Surprenaut, Business Manager SEBRSD.

Other Attendees: Don Berthiaume, BoS, Tony Pepe, BoS and Kurt Nordquist, School Committee.

Minutes of July 17, 2013 meeting

Motion to approve: Chris Bowen

Second: Tom Parker

Approve: Unanimously

Superintendent & Business Manager SEBRDS

Dr. Edward Malvey, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Julie Surprenaut, Business Administrator SEBRSD spoke in detail with regard to the FY14 budget request for Joint Town Meeting. Dr. Malvey reiterated the cuts and reworking of the budget in order to get to the present FY Budget figure of \$24,031,558.00.

There was a lengthy discussion with comments, opinions, questions and concerns from committee members, Don Berthiaume, Tony Pepe and Kurt Nordquist.

Warrant Article Recommendation:

Motion made by Julie Parenteau to recommend approval of the amount approved by voters at annual town meeting, with an additional contribution from the town in the amount of \$500,000.00 ("free-cash").

Second: Bill Wall

Motion Approved: Eight (8) in favor of recommendation; one (1) abstention

Correspondence:

None

Any other business: 10/24/2013, Public hearing on two (2) bills that Adam Gaudette, Town Administrator has been working on to try to amend the legislation known as "Chapter 74." Chapter 74 provides an unfunded mandate to communities to pay tuition & transportation for students attending out of district

vocational education. Mr. Gaudette and Representative Anne Gobi have been working to change the tuition & transportation requirements.

Adjourn: 9:50 p.m.

Motion: Julie Parenteau

Second: Tom Parker

Approved: Unanimously

Joint Special Town Meeting Saturday, October 26, 2013 – David Prouty High School

Next regular Finance Committee meeting November 19, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy E. Herholz