

# Finance Committee

Minutes

October 28, 2014

**Call meeting to order:** 6:59 p.m.

**Members:** Paul McLaughlin, Vice Chair, Nancy Herholz, Clerk, John Desmarais, Bill Wall, Julie Parenteau, Tom Parker, Chris Bowen, Robbin Joyce, Chris Kandel & Nancy Tame, ; Adam Gaudette, Town Administrator; Peter Adams, Ex Officio

**Minutes:** Motion to approve August 19, 2014 meeting

**Motion:**

To approve minutes as written: John Desmarais

**Second:** Tom Parker

**Approve:** Unanimous (10)

**Correspondence:** Laura Torti's handout on the results of the August town meeting and the renewal notice for the MA association of Finance Committees; Spencer Cable Access is seeking a volunteer to tape FinCom meetings beginning in December. SCA will provide training. Interested volunteers can call the station, 508 885 7967 or go to SCATV.org for details.

**Town Administrator Budget & Warrant Overview:** Adam Gaudette reviewed & explained the revisions/adjustment to the budget (revenue & expenses) which had been previously approved for FY2015.

Discussion & comments

**Town Meeting Warrant Recommendations:**

**Article 1: Authorization to Pay a Prior fiscal Year's Expense Appropriate \$193.06 to pay "Injured on Duty Insurance"**

**Motion** made by Chris Bowen to recommend approving the article as written

**Second:** Chris Kandel

**Approved:** Unanimous (10)

**Article 2: Authorization to Pay a Prior fiscal Year's Expense Appropriate \$1,838.00 "Laboratory Water Quality Testing"**

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Spencer Town Clerk

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**Motion** made by Nancy Tame to recommend approving the article as written

**Second:** Tom Parker

**Approved:** Unanimous (10)

***Article 3: Authorization to Amend Previously Approved Article Amend Article 12 from May 1, 2014 Annual Town Meeting***

**Motion** made by Chris Kandel to recommend approving the article as written

**Second:** Chris Bowen

**Approved:** Unanimous (10)

***Article 4: Authorization to Amend Previously Approved Article Amend Article 13 from May 1, 2014 Annual Town Meeting***

**Motion** made by Tom Parker to recommend approving the article as written

**Second:** John Desmarais

**Approved:** Unanimous (10)

***Article 5: Authorization to Rescind Previously Approved Article for the FY2015 General Government Operating Budget Rescind Article 7 from May 1, 2014 annual Town Meeting***

**Motion** made by Chris Bowen to recommend approving the article as written

**Second:** Chris Kandel

**Approved:** Unanimous (10)

***Article 6: Authorization to Appropriate the Revised FY2015 General Operating Budget Raise & appropriate \$8,549,405.00***

**Motion** made by John Desmarais to recommend approving the article as written

**Second:** Bill Wall

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**Approved:** Unanimous (10)

**Article 7: Authorization to Appropriate General Government  
Operating Budget Expenses Contingent on Prop 2 ½ Override.  
Raise & appropriate \$484,000.00**

**Motion** made by John Desmarais to recommend approving the article  
as written

**Second:** Tom Parker

**Approved:** Unanimous (10)

**Article 8: Authorization to Transfer Monies to Fund Capital  
Expenditures  
Vote to appropriate \$96,500.00**

**Motion** made by Bill wall to recommend approving the article as  
written

**Second:** Chris Bowen

**Approved:** Unanimous (10)

**Article 9: Authorization to Transfer Monies to Fund Capital  
Expenditures  
Vote to appropriate \$100,000.00**

**Motion** made by Chris Kandel to recommend approving the article  
as written

**Second:** Chris Bowen

**Approved:** Unanimous (10)

**Article 10: Authorization to Adopt a License Fee Exemption  
Vote to adopt Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section  
139, Paragraph (c)**

**Motion** made by John Desmarais to recommend approving the article  
as written

**Second:** Bill Wall

**Approved:** Unanimous (10)

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**Article 11: Authorization to Accept Donation for Land Purchase  
Accept \$8,250.00 from Common Ground Land Trust**

**Motion** made by Chris Kandel to recommend approving the article as written

**Second:** John Desmarais

**Approved:** Unanimous (10)

**Article 12: Authorization to Negotiate Right of Way Easements  
Authorize BoS, consideration of less than \$1,000.00 per parcel  
(Reserve permission for BoS to proceed)**

**Motion** made by Bill Wall to recommend approving the article as written

**Second:** Julie Parenteau

**Approved:** Unanimous (10)

**Any other:** John Desmarais asked for the status of funds to repair Route 31; Adam Gaudette explained that funds have been earmarked for spencer and will be at the will of the governor to release the funds.

Adjourn: 8:10 p.m.

Motion: John Desmarais

Second: Chris Bowen

Approve: Unanimous (10)

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy E. Herholz*

Dates to note:

**Special Town Meeting**—November 13, 2014, Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall

**Next regular Finance Committee meeting November 18, 2014**