

Finance Committee

Minutes

November 10, 2015

Call meeting to order: 7:00 p.m.

Members: Mary Braney, Chair, Paul McLaughlin, Vice Chair, Nancy Herholz, Clerk, Bill Wall, Chris Bowen, Tom Parker, Chris Kandel, Nancy Tame & Robbin Joyce.
Adam Gaudette, Town Administrator; Peter Adams, Ex Officio

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- **Motion:**

To approve minutes as written: Chris Bowen

- **Second:** Chris Kandel

- **Approve:** Unanimous

Correspondence: The Beacon (a "Mass Municipal Association Publication")

- Two (2) resignations: Julie Parenteau & John Desmarais. Peter Adams extended an invitation to the public at large, via SCA (Spencer Cable Access), and bid committee members to present volunteers to his attention for consideration. (Peter Adams email: adamsinspencer@gmail.com)
- Informal response to SEBRSD letter: Mary Braney stated that the letter had been sent to Dr. N. Tracy Crowe, Superintendent; Ms. Crowe expressed appreciation and would review the letter.

Liaison Reports:

- Financial Management Planning committee: Paul McLaughlin reported that committee is in the process of identifying the extent of the town roads project, the cost and how to fund this project. An informational announcement will be made at November 19th Special Town Meeting.
- School committee: To be announced
- Capital Planning Improvement committee: Nancy Herholz reported that the committee will be meeting, Monday, November 16, 2015, to review capital requests.

Town Administrator:

- Finalization of FY2016 Budget: Adam Gaudette reviewed the FY2016 Tax Classification Calendar & thoroughly explained reasons for the process & order of items.

Discussion & comments.

- Fall Town Meeting Warrant articles presented for action

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Committee recommendation & votes: Adam Gaudette reviewed and explained each article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. See attached chart for Finance Committee's votes & recommendations.

- **Any other**: Adam Gaudette has requested of the Finance committee for volunteers to two new town committees. Purpose of newly formed committees as follows:

"Landfill Solar Development Advisory Committee Composition and Charge"

"The Town of Spencer Board of Selectmen, based on the mission to find new revenue services to account for the recent loss of State Aid and decline in Local Receipts, as well as to counter inevitable budget expense increases (education, health care, OPEB, etc.), herein establishes the Landfill Solar Development Advisory Committee (herein after called the "Committee") to help explore the proposed development of a solar energy facility on the Town's capped landfill and to review proposal and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen based on what would be Landfill Solar Development Advisory Committee."

Robbin Joyce volunteered to represent the Finance Committee.

"Building & Property Reuse Advisory Committee."

"The Town of Spencer Board of Selectmen herein establishes the Municipal Building & Property Reuse Advisory Committee which shall develop recommendations for the space optimization, reuse and renovations of Town owned buildings and property, which currently includes Sugden Block Building, Maple Street School, Lake Street School, Pleasant Street School, Cherry Street Fire Station, Main Street Fire Station, and Bixby Road Parcel. Buildings and property will be evaluated for use as municipal government offices, community centers, senior center and/or such other uses as may be appropriate, including lease or sale."

Chris Bowen volunteered to represent the Finance Committee.

Adjourn: 8:36 p.m.

Motion: Chris Bowen

Second: Chris Kandel

Approve: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Hibdtz

Dates to note:

Next regular Finance Committee will meet December 15, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Fall Town Meeting November 19, 2015 Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Town Hall