

Finance Committee

Minutes
April 12, 2016

Call meeting to order: 7:06 p.m.

Members: Mary Braney, Chair, Paul McLaughlin, Vice Chair, Nancy Herholz, Clerk, Tom Parker, Bill Wall, Nancy Tame, Chris Bowen, Robbin Joyce & Chris Kandel

Adam Gaudette, Town Administrator; Peter Adams, Ex Officio

Minutes: March 29, 2016 meeting

- **Motion:** Bill Wall
- **Second:** Tom Parker
- **Approve:** Unanimous

Public Hearing FY 2017 Budget: Open at 7:07 p.m.

Adam Gaudette explained, reviewed & answered questions with regard to the Warrant Articles and Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Recommendations

No town residents were present at the Public Hearing

- **Motion to close Public Hearing 8:08 p.m.:** Nancy Herholz
- **Second:** Paul McLaughlin
- **Approved:** Unanimous

Correspondence

- None

Liaison Reports

- **Financial Management Planning Committee:** Paul McLaughlin deferred to Adam Gaudette who reported that Monday, April 25, 2016, a final Public Hearing is being held with regard to the comprehensive Roads Project. The Public Hearing is being held along with the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen
- **SEBRSC:** Meeting was being held 4/12/2016; still need representative to attend for Finance Committee

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- **DPHS Building Committee**: Mary Braney reported that a sub-committee of the school committee had been formed with Ralph Hicks as Chair, Mary Braney Vice Chair. Saturday, April 30, 2016 will be conducting a "high school walk-through." Finance Committee members from Spencer & East Brookfield are invited to attend.

Committee will meet May 5, 2016, prior to Annual Town Meeting at 5:30 p.m. for an update on any new information.

- **Building Property & Reuse Committee**: Chris Bowen reported that no meeting was held
- **Landfill Solar Development Advisory Committee**: Robbin Joyce reported that no meeting was held

Town Administrator:

- FY2017 Budget: Adam Gaudette presented & reviewed FY2017 budget recommendation of amount to be raised by means of real & personal property taxes, estimated receipts & other revenue sources, Annual Town Meeting Appropriations (FY17), State Cherry Sheet Charges & Allowance for abatements & Exemptions...with emphasis to the "Available Fund Transfers," which reconciled with Warrant Articles. Little to no change noted with regard to operational expense of General Government and Enterprise Funds.

Discussion, questions & comments

Action Item: Vote Recommendations on Town Meeting Warrant

Articles: See Chart (attached) for votes and recommendations.

Any other: Mary Braney extended, on behalf of the Finance Committee, thank you to Peter Adams for his service as Town Moderator

Adjourn: 8:30 p.m.

Motion: Chris Bowen

Second: Chris Kandel

Approve: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

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Nancy E. Herholz

Dates to note:

Apr. 13, 2016: FinCom Drop Dead to have the Warrant book to printer (must have in hand 4 days before ATM)

May 5, 2016: Annual Town Meeting

May 10, 2016: Town Elections