

Finance Committee Meeting  
Minutes – September 22, 2014  
Town Hall, Lower Level Hearing Room, 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: William Brack, Arnold Cohen (late), Gordon Gladstone, Charles Goodman (late),  
Alexander Korin, Ira Miller, Laura Nelson, Edward Philips (Hamilton)  
Absent: Patricia-Lee Achorn, Aaron Agulnek

1. Bill Brack announced and congratulated Aaron Agulnek on the birth of a son, Brennan Grant.
2. The first item on the agenda was the Warrant articles for the Fall Town Meeting.
3. Article 1. Southeastern Regional School's request for stabilization fund.
4. Article 2. Animal control by-law update. Could be put over to spring. Follow up with Fred Turkington.
5. Article 3. Town Report distribution – general by-law change. Discussed this at prior meeting.
6. Article 4. Transfer middle school project funds to public safety building project. Exempt debt, \$769,453.92, to transfer.
7. Article 5. Transfer funds from Treasurer's account to Accounting account. Change in terms of compensation.
8. Alex Korin will write up Article 5, Transfer of funds from Treasurer to Accounting.
9. Article 6. Library - re-appropriate funds, approved at 2014 ATM. May not get grant matching funds in advance. Looking to clarify that article to move forward with expenditure of \$25,000 that was approved. Town Meeting vote.
10. Gordon Gladstone will write up Article 6, Library funds.
11. Article 7. Purchase of 175 Pond Street. No further information.
12. On October 6, have Tim Farmer and Bill Heitin come to the meeting regarding 175 Pond Street.
13. Ted Philips will write up Article 7, Purchase of 175 Pond Street.
14. Article 8. Reallocation of funds for Fire Department and appropriate additional funds for portable radios. Chief Wright did write up. Transfer \$38,362.86 from May 2012 for purchase of Fire Department equipment. Radio interface units for air masks. \$80,362.86 for purchase of portable radios. The equipment didn't do what they needed it to do. Coming up with different way using portable radios. Have Chief Wright here for October 6. Ideal radio Motorola, but higher price. Going with lower radio. Total \$88,797.86.
15. Gordon Gladstone will write up Article 8, Fire Department reallocation of funds.

16. \$42,000 coming from ambulance account. October 28 write ups and votes due.
17. Holiday Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Meet sometime later in the week.
18. Two new articles from Community Preservation Committee.
19. Article 9. CPC – Sharon Housing Authority request for \$45,000 for Window Replacement at South Pleasant Street School Family Housing Development.
20. Article 10. CPC – Library Palladium Windows – Old quotes are no longer being honored. Lee Ann Amend, Library Director, received a new quote for \$20,908.75 and \$19,000 was already approved. She is requesting \$2,500.
21. Bill Brack stated that the original quote was \$19,000. Contractor doubled the price. New price only \$1,900 higher than original quote. Asking \$2,500 to cover that and other contingencies.
22. Bill Brack stated that the Housing Authority received grant from state. They need to supplement by CPC.
23. Need to have CPC, Housing Authority, and Library come to meeting on the 6th.
24. Arnie Cohen will write up the CPC Articles, 9 and 10.
25. Laura Nelson will write up Article 2, Animal Control by-law update, if it is on the Warrant.
26. Article 3. Town Report distribution. Distribution on-line. Less printing, less cost.
27. There was considerable discussion on the Warrant articles and a suggestion to have specific questions to Fred Turkington in advance of the meeting. Also questions for Chief Wright and Tim Farmer, Superintendent. Some discussion regarding Capital Outlay and their review from previous year's appropriations to determine if a project is finished or not and there is money left over. Suggestion for Paul Linehan to come in and discuss 175 Pond Street and other Capital items.
28. There was little discussion on comparable towns since Fred Turkington wasn't present. Suggestion for Alex Korin, Laura Nelson, and Fred Turkington to meet and bring results back to the committee. There was a suggestion to have the Town Administrator maintain model and update each year and report to the committee.
29. The next meeting will be on October 6, 2014.
30. It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to adjourn.
31. **VOTED:** 8-0-0.
32. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.