

Finance Committee Meeting and Open Warrant Meeting  
Minutes – November 10, 2014  
Sharon High School Library, 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Patricia-Lee Achorn, Arnold Cohen, Gordon Gladstone, Alexander Korin, Ira Miller,  
Edward Philips (Hamilton)

Absent: Aaron Agulnek, William Brack, Charles Goodman, Laura Nelson

1. Ira Miller filled in for Chairman, Bill Brack, who was unavailable for this meeting. At 8 p.m. the Open Warrant meeting will begin. Prior meeting minutes were voted on as follows:
2. A **MOTION** was made by Alex Korin and **SECONDED** by Ted Philips to accept the minutes of July 28, 2014.
3. **VOTED:** 5-0-1. For: Achorn, Cohen, Korin, Miller, Philips. Abstain: Gladstone.
4. A **MOTION** was made by Alex Korin and **SECONDED** by Ted Philips to accept the minutes of September 22, 2014.
5. **VOTED:** 4-0-2. For: Cohen, Korin, Miller, Philips. Abstain: Achorn, Gladstone.
6. A **MOTION** was made by Arnie Cohen and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to accept the minutes of October 6, 2014.
7. **VOTED:** 4-0-2. For: Achorn, Cohen, Miller, Philips. Abstain: Gladstone, Korin.
8. A **MOTION** was made by Alex Korin and **SECONDED** by Pat Achorn to accept the minutes of October 16, 2014.
9. **VOTED:** 5-0-1. For: Achorn, Cohen, Korin, Miller, Philips. Abstain: Gladstone.
10. There was an update by Fred Turkington regarding Rattlesnake Hill and the Assisted Living project at Sharon Commons. Also hoping to break ground in 2015 on the Public Safety Building.
11. Ira Miller announced that next Monday is the Special Town Meeting at Sharon High School.
12. It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to adjourn the regular session of the Finance Committee.
13. **VOTED:** 6-0-0.
14. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. and will reconvene at 8 p.m. for the Open Warrant Meeting.
15. Open Warrant Meeting, 8 p.m.
16. The Finance Committee presented the Open Warrant Meeting to give the residents a chance to ask questions about the articles for next week's Town Meeting. Some residents were in the audience. There were eight articles.

17. Article 1. Transfer of funds from Treasurer's account to Accounting account. Smooth over some personnel changes in the Treasurer and Accounting Departments. It is an accounting move. Finance Committee voted 8 in favor, no one opposed, no abstentions.
18. Article 2. Purchase of 175 Pond Street. The town will purchase a parcel of land on 175 Pond Street, adjacent to the high school. Selectmen and School Committee said good purchase for any possible future expansion at the high school, \$375,000. To buy and demolish property on site. Finance Committee reviewed article. There is a law that a building over 100 years old go through recommendation by the Historic Commission, possible moratorium by its nature. No report yet. Will see what their recommendation is. 8 in favor, no one against, no abstentions. Selectmen unanimous, 3-0.
19. There was considerable discussion on this article by town residents questioning the amount of tax loss (\$8,381 in taxes), transportation policy, and concern by abutting resident regarding property devaluation and barrier between lots if the land becomes a parking lot. It was suggested the resident see the Board of Selectmen.
20. Article 3. Transfer Middle School project funds to Public Safety Building project. Transfer \$769,000 from the Exempt Standing Building-Middle School project to Public Safety project. Shift money that was not used to project that is upcoming for Public Safety Building. Finance Committee 8-0-0 and Selectmen 3-0.
21. Article 4. Re-appropriate funds approved at 2014 Annual Town Meeting. \$25,000 approved at Annual Town Meeting to be used by Public Library. In May the town voted \$25,000 for feasibility study for possible expansion of library. There was going to be matching funds. It was felt it was ambiguous to go ahead and spend without matching funds. Library to move ahead with feasibility study without matching grant. 3-0 Selectmen, 8-0-0 Finance Committee.
22. Article 5. Reallocation of funds for fire Department & appropriate additional funds for portable radios. To purchase Fire Department equipment. That money would be reallocation to provide additional funds, \$42,000 new and \$88,000 total. The technology on the equipment changed so quickly, spend a little more and get better equipment. Original didn't work out. Unanimous vote by Finance Committee and Selectmen.
23. Article 6. CPC – Sharon Housing Authority request for \$45,000 for Window & Roof Replacement at South Pleasant Street School Family Housing Development. CPC – Library Palladium Windows request for \$2,500 for Window Repair at the Carnegie Library. Community Preservation Committee funding to repair windows and roof repairs at South Pleasant Street School Housing development and give additional money for repairs at library. CPC funds are available through this town. 1% surtax on annual tax bill. Occasionally state will kick in matching funds. There is money available within that fund to cover this. Needed repairs. The CPC found in favor as well as Selectmen and Finance Committee.
24. Article 7. Establishment of Stabilization Fund – Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District. The town sends students to that Regional Vocational Technical School. A representative came. This committee did not feel it was a necessary fund to establish. The school had the ability to fund what it needed. Bring forth as part of annual fund. Each of the towns and City of Brockton will have to vote. Without a majority it would not take place. This committee voted not to accept. Selectmen also voted against.

25. Article 8. Animal Control by-law update. Aligning our annual regulations with current changes in the Animal Control By-law that will be in concert with the state by-law. Finance Committee voted unanimously as well as Selectmen.
26. It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to adjourn.
27. **VOTED:** 6-0-0.
28. The Open Warrant Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.