

Finance Committee Meeting  
Minutes – June 15, 2015  
Sharon Community Center  
Regular Session, 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Patricia-Lee Achorn, Aaron Agulnek, William Brack, Arnold Cohen, Gordon Gladstone, Charles Goodman, Alexander Korin, Ira Miller, Laura Nelson, Ted Phillips, Hanna Switekowski, Steve Ross

Absent: None

1. New members, Hanna Switekowski and Steve Ross, were welcomed to the Finance Committee. Orientation for new members was discussed including annual Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting law requirements.
2. Approval of minutes was deferred.
3. A Reserve Fund transfer was approved to cover snow and ice deficit avoiding a recap and tax increase.
4. Cindy Doherty, Town Finance Director, updated the status of 2014 Audit and discussed the expedited 2015 audit goal of having a tax rate approved by Thanksgiving.
5. Cindy also presented the impact of State Revenues on the Priorities Recap Estimates.
6. Six candidates are available for the position of FinCom Secretary; interviews are being scheduled.
7. The Committee proceeded with the annual reorganization:
  - a. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone to nominate William Brack as Chairman, **SECONDED** by Patricia-Lee Achorn and approved by a vote of 10-1-1.
  - b. A **MOTION** was made by Gordon Gladstone to nominate Ira Miller as Vice-Chairman, **SECONDED** by Charles Goodman and approved by a vote of 11-0-1.
  - c. A **MOTION** was made by Laura Nelson to nominate Patricia-Lee Achorn as Vice-Chairman, **SECONDED** by Aaron Agulnek and approved by a vote of 11-0-1.
  - d. A **MOTION** was made by Patricia-Lee Achorn to nominate Alex Korin as Clerk, **SECONDED** by Gordon Gladstone and approved by a vote of 11-0-1.
8. Discussion of 2015 Special Town Meeting in the fall followed. There are no known big zoning issues. There is a question of whether the codification project will require by-law changes but that depends on timing. The Committee raised concerns about the timeline on the draft schedule.
9. There was a brief update to the Peer Town Analysis; individual town data is being sought for towns participating in regional schools.

10. Planning for the September 10<sup>th</sup> joint meeting with Selectmen and School committee was discussed with Fred Turkington, Town Administrator, who will chair the forum that is to be hosted by the Priorities Committee. Fred committed to providing all participants with baseline data. FinCom goals for the meeting include: establishing a tax target, strategies for budget planning, priority-based budget allocation, allocating “fixed & uncontrollable” by Sector and an understanding of the burden of adding n employee (by Sector).
11. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.