

Finance Committee Meeting  
Minutes - September 28th, 2015  
Town Hearing Room, Sharon Community Center, 219 Massapoag Avenue  
Regular Session, 7:30 pm

Present: Aaron Agulnek, Gordon Gladstone, Ira Miller, Alexander Korin, Patricia Lee-Achorn, Bill Brack, Ted Philips, Charles Goodman and Arnold Cohen.

Absent: Laura Nelson, Hannah Switekowski and Steven Ross.

## **I. Review the September 10th Joint Meeting**

Members of the Finance Committee found a discussion of cost control, salaries and wages throughout the town was lacking at the joint meeting. The school committee having such extraordinary pending capital expenses was brought up. The positive of the meeting is that everyone was in the same room and heard the same information. It was a great part one, however there needs to be a part two in the future.

The top budget policies that would be helpful in establishing a dialogue are building a concept of a targeted tax rate and budgets with fully loaded personnel costs with total compensation.

The members of the Finance Committee suggest part two of the joint meeting scheduled around the first priorities meeting.

## **II. Review of FY 2017 Budget Process**

Fred Turkington asked the Finance Committee to think about whether or not they want to evaluate the sector assignments.

## **III. Review of potential fiscal policy issues to raise with selectman and school committee**

There was a suggestion by the Committee Chairman that they should relook at the Sudbury and Wayland town fiscal policies.

## **IV. Review of Comparative Towns Analysis**

A document was provided with the latest data on comparable towns. The total score was then calculated to see which criteria were most important based on overall scores. The members of the Finance Committee agreed that in the future they may change how the data is shown however, for now it is worth looking at. The current model will be shared with Fred Tarkington.

A **MOTION** by Pat Achorn that we accept model three for our top twelve towns **SECONDED** by Ted Philips **VOTED** 8-1-0

## **V. Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Ira Miller to adjourn **SECONDED** by Edward Phillips **VOTED** 9-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.