

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 14, 2015

Present: Members Michael Wise, Walter Atwood, Tom Blauvelt, Leigh Davis, and Will Curletti, and Jennifer Tabakin, Town Manager.

1. The town manager called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Minutes of meeting of May 4, 2015

Motion by Michael Wise, seconded by Tom Blauvelt, to approve the May 4, 2015 minutes, subject to completion and correction of the names of the members; adopted, vote unanimous.

3. New business: Committee organization

Motion by Leigh Davis seconded by Will Curletti, to elect Michael Wise as Chair and Tom Blauvelt as Vice chair; adopted, vote unanimous. Chair Michael Wise presided from this point.

4. New business: Reserve fund transfer

The town manager reported that the bills for street lights and town building electricity have come in over budget. The budget was based on a hope that these amounts would decline, but they did not. **Motion** by Tom Blauvelt, seconded by Leigh Davis, to transfer \$49,900.00 from the reserve fund to cover these bills; adopted, vote unanimous. The chair signed the authorization to transfer from the reserve account to the electric accounts the sum of \$49,900.00.

5. New business: planning the Committee's agenda

The chair proposed that the committee undertake a review of the town's coverage of health care and insurance costs for employees and retirees, enlarging on its recent work about how to provide for the costs of retirees. The town manager said she would attend Finance Committee meetings and would coordinate the major financial events of the town's annual cycle with the Committee's meeting schedule. The chair said he would meet with the town manager and the town financial coordinator to discuss the committee's work program.

Jennifer Tabakin stated that Selectboard has adopt a policy of filing an annotated agenda with the town clerk immediately after its meetings, showing the actions taken. Other committees and boards are urged to follow this practice too.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be on June 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

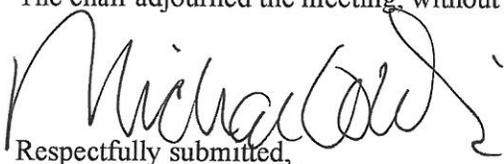
6. Citizen speak time

There was no one in the audience to request time to speak.

7. Members of the Committee welcomed Will Curletti as the newest member.

8. Adjournment

The chair adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 6:00 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,
Michael Wise
Chair