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FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Thursday, May 25, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

ADAMS TOWN HALL

8 Park Street, First Floor Board of Selectmen Meeting Room, Adams MA 01220

MINUTES

On *Thursday, May 25, 2017* the Finance Committee held a meeting at the Adams Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Timothy Burdick presided the meeting. Present were Vice Chairman Leon Parrott and Members Paul Demastrie, Sandy Kleiner, Charles Foster, Mark Chittenden, Craig Corrigan, Rachel Tomkowicz, Jeff Lefebvre and Brian Johnson. Members Joan Smigel, Matthew Pitoniak, Amy Giroux, and John Cowie were absent. Also in attendance was Town Administrator, Tony Mazzucco.

The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Additions to the Town Meeting Warrant

The Board of Selectmen re-opened the warrant last week to add in Article 27. The closing article will be changed to Article 28. The Finance Committee rejected Article 26 and the other is a non-binding agreement, which would be to amend the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District agreement. It was noted that the Town of Adams would have a financial responsibility to the building or septic system. The District agreement covers heat and fuel but the School Administrative Offices are staying in the Cheshire Elementary School for now and could be accommodated at Adams Town Hall or Old Town Hall if renovated. Brief discussion took place about whether the budget would have to be redone if the building stays open. Committee Members discussed the Collins Report, the question of nepotism, the addition of nine more positions despite the school closing, and unanswered financial questions with the new article. State funding formulas and their impact, as well as the DESE approval requirement was touched on. Move by Member Lefebvre to reject Article 27, Second by Member Kleiner. Vote: unanimous.

Adjournment

*Move by Member Tomkowicz to adjourn the meeting, Second by Member Johnson.
Vote: unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary


Timothy Burdick, Chairman