



# TOWN OF DARTMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS

**Finance Committee**  
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**Peter Friedman**, Chairman  
**Greg Lynam**, Vice-Chairman

Pursuant to a call to order and notice duly given in the manner required by law and the By-laws of the Town of Dartmouth, a meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Dartmouth Town Hall, Room 315.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tenney Lantz, Gregory Lynam, Peter Friedman, Stephen Mitchell, David Ferreira, Francis Pettengill, Shannon Jenkins, Patrick Roth, Melissa Haskell.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

A transfer of \$528.75 from the Reserve Fund to Tuition Reimbursement Line Item. Lantz moves, Ferreira seconds (*Vote: 8-0-0*).

#### Board of Health

- \$11,000 of animal control budget here for animal inspector/rabies control
- Animal inspector is a state mandated position
- No contract with visiting nursing services – may work with New Bedford
- Need volunteers for Medical Reserve Corps for vaccination for emergency plan
- Have regionalization with New Bedford and Fairhaven with tobacco control
- Trying to use UMass nursing students as much as possible
- 80% and 78% of necessary food inspections in past few years –
  - Inspection costs covered by permitting fee
  - Must pay for emergency inspections
  - Fines for serious violations
  - Peter: does fee schedule cover inspections?
- Bring in 70-80% of budget – 20% of budget covers 30% of work
- Fees are on high end as compared to other towns
- Increased risk of errors and omissions, exposes us to risk
- All inspectors cross-trained.
- Pete: talk of consolidation with Board of Health taking on more clerical work
- Ed: we may pool clerical support
- Regionalization for specialized inspection: pools, recreational camps
- Melissa: what are state requirements for animal inspections?
  - Depends on demand for services – must meet demand

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Haskell  
*Clerk*