

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE



Minutes of the Meeting for <JANUARY 12th, 2012> at the BPW Building, Fairhaven, MA

Members in attendance: Chairman- John Roderiques, Pat Elliott, Dan DeNardis, Kim Hyland, Therese Szala, Kathi Carter, Ron Quintin, Lisa Plante and Ted Silva.

Not present- Carl Bissonette, Sid Martin, Jennifer Bishop, Scott Fernandes,
This meeting was televised.

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Roderiques at 7:00 P.M. and announced that the proceeding was being video/audio taped by government access.

Chairman advised that Carl Bissonette has resigned from the committee due to personal reasons and noted that Carl has been a valued member for several years.

Minutes of the meeting 11/17/11 were reviewed. Motion to accept by Kim, 2nd by Dan voted unanimous 9-0

Letter received by John Nunes regarding Town Accountant leaving as of 2/3/12.

Chairman noted that annual town meeting will be held May 5th, 2012.

Highway dept requested a transfer of \$12,800 to cover costs of storm cleanup. Chairman explained that the town is eligible for up to 75% reimbursement for damages suffered from tropical storm Irene through FEMA. Motion to approve \$12,800 by Kim, 2nd by Dan- unanimous

Chairman advised that selectman's secretary Jan St. Germaine has left that position and retired after 25 years of service. A request for \$15,582.57 was presented by Mr. Osuch to cover the "cash-out" expense. There was discussion and explanation of what these costs were. Chair then suggested considering a reduced figure of \$13,000. Motion to approve \$13000 by Kim/Dan- unanimous 9-0

Discussed potential F/Y issues. Noted that FinCom needs to consider what issues fall under the jurisdiction of the committee. Interpretation of the by-law is that there should be a logical connection between town finances and the specific article. Chair noted it is the responsibility of each member to insure they are clear on issues and ethics, and suggested calling ethics commission anytime the question arises.

Chair provided copy of proposed draft article for collective bargaining presented by FinCom. Chair noted no mention of school contract because TM does not approve contract. Review and discussion of FinCom proposal. Vote to change "B" to 10 days by Ron/Terry unanimous. Vote to exclude "D-4" regarding schools by Terry/Ron unanimous.

Chairman noted all TM members must take out papers and run again. Noted that Lisa may lose her seat due to precinct changes from 4-5.

Discussion about filling vacant FinCom seats. Chair noted that FinCom terms expire at end of annual TM. Term is for 2 years.

Chair advised will probably need to meet weekly through to the special TM and anticipates a lot of other articles.

Motion to adjourn by Kim/Dan vote unanimous.

Submitted by:
Ted Silva Secretary