

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE



Minutes of the Meeting for < March 8th, 2012 > at the BPW Building, Arsene St., Fairhaven, MA

Members in attendance: Chairman- John Roderiques, Pat Elliott, Kim Hyland, Therese Szala, Kathi Carter, Scott Fernandes, Ron Quintin, Sid Martin, and Ted Silva.
Not present- Jennifer Bishop, Lisa Plante 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.

Chief Francis reviewed/explained the fire department budget. Discussed Art. 49 new ambulance and noted the cost may be closer to \$200,000, and that he will know before town meeting. Chief stated he would like to keep the third ambulance and a long discussion of this followed. Chairman noted very clearly that FinCom unlikely to favor additional expenses for 3rd ambulance without clear showing of income. Further stated that regarding this article FinCom is only voting on the new ambulance, not supporting or opposing retaining three ambulances.

Discussed Art 46 Narrow Band \$9232. Sid asked about fire dept use of EMA services. Chief noted he uses them in emergency situations to save tying up firefighters.

Next issue was discussion of Natural Resources (Shellfish/harbormaster) budgets.

Sid Martin announced the appearance of possible conflict because he lives within the proximity of areas affected by the waterways account. He contacted the ethics committee and advised to file exemption 19 notice and publicly announce. Chairman further explained the procedure.

Dave Darmofal and Tim Cox were present and discussed budgets. Chairman stated that waterways money could not be used for shellfish budget and noted that shellfish and harbormaster should be separate budgets. Discussed air cards for computers and the need of this. (Scott in 8:20) Also discussed ROV (remote operated vehicle), Union Wharf and related fees. Reviewed Art. 33, propagation of shellfish. Chair noted harbormaster should get clear definition of proper expenditures for waterways account.

8:55 p.m. recess to 9:03 pm.

Chair passed out notice from selectmen about posting minutes on web site.

Chair noted next meeting will address articles.

Sid made mention of his thoughts on budgets and leadership in private industry which resulted in further discussion.

Chair noted next meeting will hold hearing on Art. 17 - 23 as previously announced.

Chair passed out hard copy of Mattapoissett Valley Supply Protection Advisory (copy included with minutes) Scheduled in to discuss on 3/22/12

Chairman passed out school dept budget. (It was noted by some members that this 30 page document was printed single side, thus killing several extra trees.) Chair explained that schools use codes than normally seen within other departments.

Chair noted that budgets need to be done and finished by first Thursday in April (4/5/12) and that we will be holding an additional meeting on Tuesday 3/20/12.

Motion to adjourn Kim/Sid 9:33 pm unanimous

Submitted by- Ted Silva secretary