

Town of Fairhaven

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting for < January 24, 2013 > at the BPW Building, Arsene St., Fairhaven, MA

Members in attendance: Chairman- John Roderiques, Kim Hyland, Kathi Carter, Scott Fernandes, Sid Martin, Therese Szala, Dawn Devlin, Padraic Elliot, Bob Furtado, Kevin Costa. At-Large Phil Washko. Absent: Colin Veitch Town of Fairhaven: Jeff Osuch

Meeting was covered by local TV and with member of the written press present.

Meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm. The delay in start was due to the organizing of the budget sheets that were passed out prior to the meeting.

Motion was made by Kim to accept the meeting minutes from January 17, 2013. Second by Scott. Vote: Unanimous

The chairman announced he is looking for volunteers to take minutes. Bob Furtado accepted the position.

An ambulance Fund Transfer was presented to the finance committee. The form was not properly filled out and could not be voted on. The chairman will relay the reasons why to the Chief of the Fire Department.

A list of proposed items to be considered at town meeting was reviewed. This was a general level only.

There was general discussion on key topics for this year's budget between the Chairman and Mr. Osuch. The Chairman related several key positions for budgeting in this coming year. Mr. Osuch relayed counter arguments as needed. The chairman reminded Mr. Osuch that Fincom has a higher success rate at being correct in debated arguments.

Budget information will be received at the next meeting. Bring your books, binders and whatever you need to cart off this information.

February 5 there will be two meetings regarding harassment that the Fincom has been requested to attend one of them if they can.

February 12 there will be a wind turbine proposal review meeting.

Next meeting we will have The Town accountant at 7:00 pm. The Chief of Police at 7:20 and if someone else requests a hearing that will be scheduled for 7:30.

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The chairman asked for a position statement on waiting for the selectman to vote and issue before Fincom considers a vote. General agreement appeared to be obtained. Kim in keeping with tradition began to call for adjournment. The chair kept Kim at bay for quite some time finally relenting for a dismissal around 9:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Sid Martin