

Minutes of the Hanover Finance Committee meeting of April 8, 2013

Members present: K. Fenner, K. Cotter, P. Christie, and J. Ruth

Members absent: M. Gerling, D. Press, and H. Postupack

Others present: Jonah Roberts, Hanover School Board

1. Review/amendment of agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

2. Public comments on items not on the agenda

No public comments on items not on the agenda.

3. Minutes of HFC meeting of March 11, 2013 – Discussion / action

J. Ruth motioned to accept the minutes, K. Cotter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Letter to the editor regarding HFC budget position – Discussion / action

The HFC discussed the merits of submitting a letter to the editor of the Valley News. It was agreed that this would be a good idea, particularly with the reduced distribution of the town report. K. Fenner will circulate a draft to the committee using the HFC position statement as a starting point.

5. Nominations, elections of officers for 2013-4, chairperson, vice chair, and secretary

The committee discussed the various positions. K. Fenner will potentially be the next chairperson of the Dresden Finance Committee and is not seeking re-election as the chairperson of the HFC. H. Postupack had mentioned to K. Fenner that she would be interested in becoming the chairperson of the HFC. P. Christie nominated H. Postupack as chairperson, K. Cotter seconded. Motion passed.

6. Agenda items for May 13th meeting

Various items were discussed for the future meetings. Topics included a discussion on the use of the tax levy vs. tax rate, the Selectboard's draft budget guidelines, a study of the town's paving and plowing expenses per mile relative to other towns, and the potential merits of the combination of the roles of police chief and fire chief (similar to the town of Hartford). It was agreed that the most pressing agenda items would be the discussions pertaining to the tax rate vs. tax levy and the draft budget guidelines.

7. Adjournment – 5:30 p

J. Ruth motioned to adjourn, K. Fenner seconded. Motion passed.

