

**TOWN OF HARVARD**  
**Finance Committee**  
**Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, June 13, 2012

**Meeting Place:** Town Hall Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Marie Fagan (chair), Steve Colwell, Heidi Frank, Alan Frazer (assoc.), George McKenna, Rudy Minar, Bob Thurston, Laura Vilain (assoc.), Alice von Loesecke

**Members Not Present:**

**Others Present:** Tim Bragan - Town Administrator

**Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.      Adjournment Time: 8:30 p.m.**

**Discussion and Actions**

- Marie Fagan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- No Minutes reviewed.
- No Public Commentary

• Discussion of OPEB

Marie reported that the Board of Selectmen were authorizing a new Working Group to review OPEB. A motion was made to request that 2 members of the Finance Committee be members of this Working Group. It was noted that one of the major challenges of OPEB will be to not overfund the irrevocable trust.

• Town Administrator Report (Tim Bragan)

Tim Bragan presented a reserve fund transfer request from the Selectmen- Town Reports. **A motion was made to approve a RFT of \$1,690 requested by the Selectmen-Town Reports for costs greater than budgeted for the Town Reports. The motion was approved unanimously 5:0.**

• Other Business

A motion was made to approve a RFT of \$23,992 requested by the Department of Public Works's director Rich Nota for overage due to cost of outside contractors for the October snowstorm (tree work, etc.). The motion was tabled until a more detailed account of the invoice was presented.

• No Finance Director's Report (Lorraine Leonard)

• Liaison Reports

Steve reported that the School Committee was instituting a new math program integrated throughout the elementary school. The funding for this new program was due to a surplus in Special Ed because the circuit breaker percentage went up last year after the School's budget was approved and funded by FinCom.

Also, HES is possibly planning to run 3 full-time kindergarten sections, not 4 as originally planned.

Bob reported that the Board of Health needs a new laptop, and they were asking if it could be funded from the savings of having no secretary. The answer is no, it's a different line item. There was a question about the BOH going through laptops over the course of 4 years.

George mentioned that the Capital Committee has not met since Annual Town Meeting.

The committee discussed the remaining summer schedule for meetings and will confirm at the next meeting.

- Other Business

- > **A reserve fund transfer was unanimously approved for \$15,650 for the Conservation Commission to cover repairs for erosion originating from the transfer station. The action was approved: 7:0.**

- Next meeting – July 11, 2012, Town Hall meeting room  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Vilain  
Alice von Loesecke