

TOWN OF HARVARD
Finance Committee
Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2012

Meeting Place: Town Hall Meeting Room

Members Present: Alice von Loesecke, Laura Vilain (Associate), Steve Colwell, Alan Frazer

Members Not Present: Bob Thurston, George McKenna, Heidi Frank, Rudy Minar

Others Present: Lorraine Leonard - Finance Director

Meeting Time: 7:05 PM Adjournment Time: 8:30 PM

Discussion and Actions

- Chair brought meeting to order by recognizing Associate Member to establish quorum
- Minutes for meeting of 9/19/12 were unanimously accepted (4-0) as amended
- No Public Commentary
- Due to absence of four members, vote to appoint FinCom representative to School Superintendent Search Committee postponed again, to next FinCom meeting
- Delay in FY 14 Budget Memorandum originally scheduled for this session;
 - All Boards Meeting rescheduled from 10/10 to 10/17 to permit FinCom time to prepare guidelines for FY 14 budget
 - Discussion points for next budget memorandum meeting;
 - Vigilance regarding prior year “one time only” funding
 - FinCom policy to “not recommend” warrant articles presented post-deadline
 - Clarification of “Level Service” vs. “Level Funding”
 - Clarification between Maintenance and Capital classification
 - Discuss coordination of CPIC and operating budget processes
- No Town Administrator Report
- Finance Director Report – Lorraine presented first draft FY 14 Recap
- Liaison Reports
 - Cable Committee – Laura and others took a field trip to Algonquin H.S., Northborough, MA as part of fact-finding relative to potential HCTV move into The Bromfield School
 - Council on Aging – Laura met with Director, Deb Thompson; COA presently canvassing Seniors for wants and needs
 - School Committee – Steve reported that total FY 12 spending was approximately \$19M