

FINCOM  
Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2013

Members Present: Steve, Rudy, Alan, Laura, Don, Heidi, Bob, Alice

Not Present:

Others: Lorraine, Tim

Location: Town Hall Meeting Room

Rudy opened the meeting at 7:04 PM and chaired until Alice arrived

**Minutes** reviewed and approved as amended

9/18 6-0

9/24 4-0-2

9/30 4-0-2

10/2 5-0-1

Alice arrived at 7:24 and took over Chair from Rudy

**Public commentary:** Eric Broadbent addressed the committee regarding the Solar Garden warrant articles and appealed for approval or No Action vote from FINCOM

**Special Town Meeting Warrant Article Review**

***Article 1 – Town Hall Project***

- Finance Committee Recommends
- Recommendation language amended to add “plus interest” in paragraph 2 after “debt service”. The final sentence of paragraph 5 to read ...\$5,070,000 Town Hall Renovation Project (after the \$1,000,000 plus interest of CPC funds) on the average single family home tax bill will be approximately \$155 per year over the 20-year life of the bonds. (The average single family home in Harvard is currently valued at \$550,000.)

***Article 2 – Solar Shares exemption***

- Finance Committee Takes No Position – given that there is no current legislation pending.
- Vote 4-0-2

***Article 3 - Payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for community solar systems***

- Finance Committee Recommends – empowering the board of selectmen to enter into a PILOT negotiation as allowed by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 38H
- Vote 4-0-2

***Article 4 – Payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for community solar systems***

- Finance Committee Takes No Position
- Vote 5-0-1

***Article 5 – Amend Building permit fees, Add “Community Solar” following “Solar Panels”***

- Finance Committee Does Not Recommend
- Vote 5-0-1

***Article 7 – Authorize BOS to Lease Property***

- Finance Committee Recommends

***Article 8 – Replenish Rantoul Trust Fund***

- Finance Committee Does Not Recommend

***Article 9 – Amend Dog Bylaw to increase penalty for failure to obtain license for dog***

- Finance Committee Recommends

***Article 11 – HCTV Committee request for funds***

- Finance Committee Recommends
- Recommendation language amended to read – the sum of \$35,000 be raised and appropriated from the remaining tax levy. This amount would be in addition to the \$93,000 originally allocated to the project and is to cover unanticipated increases in construction costs.

**Other Business**

- Lorraine distributed new FY14 Recap
- Alice mentioned the thank you card received from George McKenna
- OPEB working group member change with Alan being replaced by Bob

Next Meeting: October 16 6:30 Special Town Meeting, Cronin Auditorium, Bromfield School

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Ludwig