

FINCOM
Meeting Minutes – September 30, 2013

Members Present: Steve, Rudy, Alan, Laura, Don

Not Present: Alice, Heidi, Bob

Location: Town Hall Lunch Room

Rudy chaired and opened the meeting at 7:12 PM

Topic of discussion is the issue of the HCTV encumbrance voted on at the FINCOM meeting of September 18th. Questions were raised via email by the Town Administrator over the portion of the HCTV budget deficit related to capital expenditures vs. operating funds. At question is the amount of funds requested that are attributed to the equipment purchases funded from the HCTV operating funds budget. It was noted that this portion needed to be addressed through a Warrant Article at the upcoming October Special Town Meeting and not be part of the construction project “unforeseen and unexpected” funds request that was addressed in the encumbrance.

Laura made a motion to open the discussion on the issue. She reminded the committee of the new information regarding Town Council confirming that this request does need to go to a warrant article and Town Meeting.

Alan raised concerns over the email’s that brought us to this point and the fact that we were being asked, as a FINCOM, to revisit a vote taken while all parties involved were present in the same meeting, yet not all present at this meeting.

Alan raised the concern over the independent nature of FINCOM being challenged by the request to revisit a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Subsequent discussion over the issue and whether it was right to revisit the encumbrance, whether it was right to take the equipment capital expenditure to town vote and whether we needed to step back until Wednesday when we can review the HCTV warrant article.

Laura made the motion to vote to UN-encumber the \$30K in funds. Steve 2nd the motion and the vote passed 3-1.

FINCOM will request the HCTV committee submit a warrant to the BOS for the special town meeting in October to cover the capital expenditure deficit.

Public commentary: Nelson Northern, a concerned citizen addressed the board about citizen concern over all of the budget cost overruns on this and the town hall projects.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Ludwig