

FINCOM—All Boards Meeting  
Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2015

Members Present: Alice, Rudy, Bruce, Alan, John  
Not Present: Steve, Don, Heidi, Laura  
Location: Volunteers Hall

Alice opened the meeting at 7:05PM. Attending the meeting were members of the Finance Committee, all Board of Selectmen members, members of the School Committee and Capital Planning and Investment Committee, as well as Tim and Lorraine.

**Finance Director:** Lorraine distributed copies of the proposed FY16 Budget Recap including details by department and provided highlights of its components. It shows an essentially balanced budget with a surplus of \$4,206.

**Finance Committee:** Alice briefly described the Committee's process this year and her satisfaction with the participation of the department heads, the BOS, and Tim and Lorraine's constant involvement and support.

**Capital Planning and Investment Committee:** Debbie Ricci distributed the list of their committee's FY16 capital funding requests and a multiple page document of Harvard's major project capital submissions by department over the FY16 through FY20 period.

**Board of Selectmen:** Stu thanked Tim and Lorraine for holding the budget development and approval process together to help it run efficiently this year. Lucy added her thanks to the Department heads for being fully prepared with well-supported budget submissions.

**School Committee:** SusanMary Redinger spoke for the School Committee, noting that many of their budget request increases were required to meet state mandates. She added Harvard receives nearly \$3 million in offsets from Devens, school choice, and the circuit breaker to fund their operations. Ron Ricci asked that these offsets be clearly shown in the materials distributed at Town Meeting.

**Town Administrator:** Tim complimented the Finance Committee and CPIC for their efforts to "smooth out" the spending projects and sources of funding to minimize year-to-year tax changes for our residents.

**Finance Director:** Lorraine had nothing additional to report.

**Municipal Buildings:** Various attendees shared their thoughts on how to more effectively use our town buildings. The BOS said they plan to start a discussion in June to create a collaborative approach framework that will source input from residents, committees and departments on their needs, and they target to have this framework developed by this Fall. They desire to have a plan developed by April, 2016 when the temporary offices for Town Hall plans to vacate the Old Library.

There being no other business or public commentary, the meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

**Next Meeting:** Our next Finance Committee meeting will be on Saturday, February 28 at 8:15AM at the Town Hall meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Seeley, Secretary