



Town of Medway  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
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**Monday, May 12, 2014**  
**Medway High School – Room 113-A**  
**88 Summer Street**

Present: Jeff O’Neill, Chair; Frank Rossi, Vice-Chair; Barry Schroeder, Clerk; Todd Alessandri, Christine Devine, Meghan Hoffman, Chris Lagan and Jim Sullivan.

Absent: Neil Kennedy.

Also Present: Selectman Richard D’Innocenzo, Selectman Glenn Trindade and Tom Holder, Director, Department of Public Services.

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[NOTE: Minutes were created from notes taken by Finance Committee member Christine Devine]

There being a quorum present, Chairman O’Neill called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

**Final Town Meeting Preparations:**

*The Committee reviewed the following information: (1) Annual Town Meeting Warrant; (2) Special Town Meeting Warrant; and (3) List of Draft Motions.*

At this time, Mr. Tom Holder briefly spoke about Articles 13, 14, and 15 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. He outlined a timetable to move forward with the projects. Responding to a question from Mr. Lagan, he estimated the useful life of the athletic fields as 10-12 years, adding that some of the cost will need to be financed.

Selectman Glenn Trindade presented several reasons why synthetic turf was a better choice than grass, most notably that fields can be used frequently without allowing always having a field “resting”. Discussion followed on required maintenance, cost of field maintenance and future replacement costs. It was noted that the Hanlon Fund may be moved from the schools to Parks with an arrangement for use of the funds. Selectman D’Innocenzo pointed out that this will benefit the entire community and is not intended as a way to raise funds. There is a shortage of athletic fields for both school and community use. Mr. Holder clarified that the bid estimate includes necessary equipment. All bids are designated as qualified bids which come through at a somewhat higher cost.

**Mr. Jim Sullivan moved that the Finance Committee recommend Article 13; Mr. Frank Rossi seconded. No further discussion. VOTE: 8-0-0.**

**Mr. Todd Alessandri moved that the Finance Committee recommend Article 14; Mr. Frank Rossi seconded. No further discussion. VOTE: 8-0-0.**

**Mr. Jim Sullivan moved that the Finance Committee recommend Article 15; Mr. Frank Rossi seconded. No further discussion. VOTE: 8-0-0.**

Brief discussion followed on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

**Mr. Jim Sullivan moved that the Finance Committee recommend postponement of Article 13 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant; Mr. Chris Lagan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 8-0-0.**

At this time, motions for articles on both Warrants were assigned to members.

**Reports:**

Reports from the Chairman and Clerk were postponed as Special Town Meeting was about to begin.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Review of the minutes from April 15, 2014 was also postponed.

**At 6:57 PM Ms. Meghan Hoffman moved to adjourn to attend Town Meeting; Mr. Jim Sullivan seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 8-0-0.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanette Galliardt  
Night Board Secretary