

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 8, 2009

ORLEANS TOWN CLERK

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A meeting of the Orleans Finance Committee was held in the Town Hall Nauset Room in Orleans. Present were Walter Bennett, Mark Fiegel, Dale Fuller, Laurence Hayward, John Hodgson, Paul Rooker, Rick Sigel and Cynthia Suonopera. Walter Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Sigel moved to accept the minutes from the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded. Approved 4-0-3 (Mr. Bennett, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Suonopera) (Mr. Fiegel joined the meeting later))

### Guest

Rosalie Cameron from the Joint Committee on Affordable Housing presented a proposal to amend the Route 6A project to an ownership project, and reallocate the \$398,000 previously approved Community Preservation Funding. The proposal has not, as yet been presented to the BoS, but will be later in January. Mr. Carron stated the BoS has listed this project as the first item on their list of shovel ready projects to be funded by Stimulus money (if any).

### Old Business

None

### New Business

Mr. Fuller Discussed the town's current S&P rating.

### Budget Preparation

Mr. Bennett went over the Review schedule and asked to be advised of any conflicts which would necessitate revising the presentation dates.

Mr. Bennett reviewed John Kelly's 1/2/09 email to his department heads regarding further reducing their budget proposals.

Mr. Rooker agreed to coordinate our comments/additions to the FinCom Budget Review Guide. Responses should be sent to Mr. Rooker by Monday, January 12 even if no changes are proposed.

Mr. Rooker, Ms. Suonopera and Mr. Fuller will develop a list of ideas to maximize citizen attendance and input at the upcoming February 25 and March 11 joint budget meetings with the Bos.

Mr. Bennett reviewed the December draft Capital Improvements Plan. The final draft plan will be presented to the BoS on 1/14. He asked that we correlate the Capital Improvements Plan and the budgets during the review process.

Mr. Bennett advised that the Budget Review Books would be available on January 16.

#### **Board of Selectmen Reports**

Mr. Fuller discussed the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting

Mr. Rooker discussed the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting

#### **Committee Reports**

Mr. Fiegel distributed and discussed the preliminary Nauset Regional School District budget

Mr. Fiegel discussed the Wastewater Management Validation & Design Committee meeting

Mr. Bennett discussed the January 8<sup>th</sup> Joint Wastewater meeting

Mr. Hayward advised that the Elementary School Budget is behind schedule and will be presented to us in late January.

#### **Other Business**

Mr. Carron, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, presented a request for \$4,475.00 to cover the additional expense of the special election to fill the vacant Selectman position.

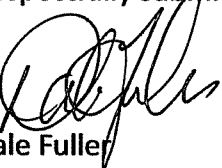
After discussion, Mr. Sigel moved to delay a decision until the Town Clerk discusses with us the costs involved and any areas where costs can be reduced or eliminated. Mr. Hodgson seconded.

**Approved 4 (Mr. Sigel, Mr. Hodgson, Ms. Suonopera, Mr. Fuller) - 3 (Mr. Rooker, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hayward)**  
**- 1 (Mr. Fiegel)**

The discussion is scheduled for the January 16 meeting.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted



Dale Fuller

Recording Secretary