

Approved: 2/26/09

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 12, 2009

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, Peter Monger, and Rick Sigel. Walter Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2009 meeting was made and seconded. They were approved 6-0-0. (Mr. Sigel joined the meeting after this vote.)

New Business

- Mr. Bennett reviewed the grant funding the combined police department study.
- Mr. Bennett reviewed the FinCom budget and Reserve Fund status.
- Mr. Fuller reviewed the status of the publicity for the BoS/FinCom joint meetings.
- Mr. Hodgson was asked to coordinate ideas for incentive rewards for money saving ideas. The rewards should be available to both employees and citizens and should be paid for out of the savings. Mr. Hodgson will send an email requesting ideas. Discussion is set for the 3/5/09 meeting
- Mr. Sigel was asked to coordinate ideas to lower the tax rate in light of current and future town demographics. Discussion is set for the 4/2/09 meeting.

Budget Reviews

The method used to calculate real estate taxes.

Mr. Bennett stated that any changes to department budgets after our review and discussion would mandate reconsideration and a revote.

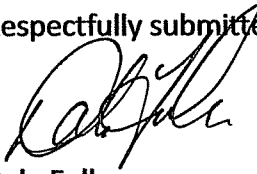
- Mr. Fuller presented the **Shellfish and Harbormaster** budget review (Department 295). After discussion, Mr. Fuller moved to accept the budget, Mr. Fiegel seconded. **The budget was approved: 7-0-0**
- Mr. Monger presented the **Police** budget review (Departments 210,211,213). After discussion, it was decided to obtain additional information (Overtime, Summer Special Officers) for Department 210-Police/Communications and discuss at the Feb. 19th meeting. Mr. Monger moved to accept Departments 211 (Police Building) and 213 (Fuel). Mr. Fiegel seconded. **The two budgets were approved: 7-0-0**
- Mr. Bennett presented the **Finance Administration** budget review (Departments 123,124,135,141,145,155,820,830,840). After discussion it was decided to obtain additional information (the replacement schedule) for Department 155 – MIS, and discuss it in two weeks. Mr. Bennett moved to accept the other budgets. Mr. Fiegel seconded. **The eight budgets were approved: 7-0-0.**

Board of Selectmen Reports

- Mr. Bennett reported on the January 28th meeting.
- Mr. Bennett reported on the January 29th joint meeting with Eastham and Brewster.
- Mr. Hodgson reported on the February 4th meeting.
- Mr. Monger reported on the February 11th meeting.

On a motion duly made and seconded, and a vote of 7-0-0, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 PM

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dale Fuller', written over the typed name.

Dale Fuller
Recording Secretary