

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 25, 2008

A joint meeting of the Orleans Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen was held in the Town Hall Nauset Room in Orleans. Present from the finance committee were Walter Bennett, Mark Fiegel, Dale Fuller, Laurence Hayward, John Hodgson, Peter Monger, Paul Rooker, Rick Sigel and Cynthia Suonopera. Walter Bennett called the FinCom meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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### Public Hearing on the Capital Improvement Plan, F/Y 11 – F/Y15

Mr. Dunford, chairman of the BoS called the Public Hearing to order at 8:20 PM.

Mr. Kelly, Town Administrator presented a PowerPoint overview of the plan.

When opened to the public for comment, there was comment on the planned Wastewater, Police Station renovation/addition and Nauset Beach Offsite Parking expenditures over the five year period. The majority of the speakers concentrated on the planned F/Y10 items not included in the F/Y10 budget. The discussion of the omission of the Village Center Master Plan (F/Y10) sparked comments on the need to revitalize downtown and a perceived need for a defined vision or plan for where the town wants to be in the future. Lack of a Master Plan was also questioned in light of the need to reconstruct streets and roads for sewer installation. Consideration of the purchase of condominiums as affordable housing was lauded (no funds included in the F/Y10 budget). A suggestion was made to include a Town Meeting vote on an override to cover some of the expenditures included in the budget; supporting comments that the town may feel the strong need to fund the issues and are willing to pay for them.

A letter signed by thirty citizens was presented in support of a "Coast to Coast" walkway connecting Nauset beach with the bay. They request this project be added to the CIP.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM

Respectfully submitted



Dale Fuller

Recording Secretary