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# FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Aug. 27, 2009, meeting of the Orleans Finance Committee was convened by Committee Chairman Walter Bennett at 7:00 p.m. in the Nauset Room of the Orleans Town Hall. Present constituting a quorum were Mr. Bennett, Edwin Barr, Mark Fiegel Dale Fuller, Laurence Hayward, John Hodgson, Gwen A. Holden Kelly, Paul Rooker, and Rick Sigel.

## **Guests**

Mark Carron, Board of Selectmen liaison to the Finance Committee, was in attendance at the meeting.

Also in attendance were Wastewater Management Validation and Design Committee (WMV&DC) members Paul Ammann, chair; Ed Daly, vice chair; Ron Collins; Jeff Eagles; and Greg Horne;

# Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Ms. Holden Kelly, the minutes of the Aug. 13, 2009, meeting were approved as amended 9-0-0.

# Open Discussion with the WMV&DC

During a session moderated by Mr. Fiegel, WMV&DC members responded to questions from Finance Committee members concerning the findings of the WMV&DC's peer review of the MEP Report for Pleasant Bay as reported in the WMV&DC Aug. 2, 2009, final report. Finance members also discussed with WMV&DC members the final report of the Woods Hole Group, which firm was hired by the Town to assist the WMV&DC with the review of several technical issues identified by that Committee in its review of the MEP Pleasant Bay Report.

#### **New Business**

Promoting Public Participation in the Upcoming Sep. 16, 2009, Budget Priorities Hearing: Mr. Barr reviewed public service announcement materials for the Sept. 16, 2009, joint Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee public hearing on fiscal year budget priorities for the Town of Orleans.

## Subcommittee Reports

<u>The Budget Subcommittee:</u> Mr. Fuller reported on the meeting of the Budget Subcommittee.

The School Subcommittee: Mr. Hayward reported on the meeting of the School Subcommittee.

The Wastewater Subcommittee: Mr. Bennett asked for the Finance Committee's consideration of a motion prepared by the Wastewater Subcommittee to forward to

the Orleans Board of Selectmen two recommendations concerning the future wastewater management activities of the Town:

- Technical review of MEP Reports for Town Cove and Rock Harbor: The Orleans Board of Selectmen should take steps to ensure that a Town committee comprised of qualified scientists and engineers is in place to review and prepare comments for submission to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection on the draft MEP Report for Town Cove when that report becomes available, and review and validate the science underlying the MEP Final Report for Rock Harbor.
- CWMP implementation oversight: The Orleans Board of Selectmen should create a Town committee comprised of knowledgeable and skilled engineers and individuals with professional proficiencies and experience in large project management to review, advise, facilitate, and oversee implementation of the comprehensive wastewater management plan for Orleans.

On a motion made by Mr. Fiegel, the Subcommittee's motion was approved 9-0-0.

## **Board of Selectmen Reports**

Mr. Rooker reported on the Aug. 26 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

# **Committee and Department Reports**

Committee Liaison Reports

Finance Committee members reported on meetings and activities of the following Town boards and committees:

- Aug. 17 meeting with the Orleans Elementary School Committee (Mr. Hayward);
- Aug. 17 meeting of the Orleans Renewable Energy/Wind Power Committee (Mr. Rooker).
- Aug. 18 and 25 meetings of the Wastewater Management Validation & Design Committee (Mr. Fiegel);
- Aug. 20 meeting with the Board of Health (Mr. Fuller).

Department Reports
None.

Old Business

None.

## **Adjournment**

On a motion made by Mr. Sigel, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 p.m. 9-0-0.

Respectfully submitted

Gwen A. Holden Kelly Recording Secretary