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## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

On Feb. 24, 2010, the Orleans Finance Committee convened in the Nauset Room of the Orleans Town Hall in a joint session with the Orleans Board of Selectmen for purposes of holding a public hearing on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for fiscal years 2012 through 2016.

The members of the Finance Committee were called to order by Committee Vice Chairman Laurence Hayward at 7:40 p.m. Present constituting a quorum were Mr. Hayward, Edwin Barr, Mark Fiegel, Dale Fuller, John Hodgson, Gwen A. Holden Kelly, Paul Rooker, and Rick Sigel.

### Public Hearing

Mr. Hayward, presiding officer for the hearing, explained that the public hearing was being held in accordance with provisions Article 8-2-6 of the Orleans Home Rule Charter to provide Orleans citizens an opportunity to comment on proposed capital spending priorities for fiscal years 2012 through fiscal year 2016.

Town Administrator John Kelly provided attendees at the public hearing an overview of the CIP, explaining that the plan itself comprises a guide for going forward with capital projects during the period covered under that plan. Financing of any project proposed under that plan would be subject to future deliberation by Orleans citizens during Town Meeting and by vote at the polls.

During the hearing, which drew some 70 interested parties, comments were made from the floor by 13 Orleans residents and property owners. Observations and suggestions on the CIP submitted in writing by five Orleans residents and property owners were read into the record by Mr. Hayward.

Mr. Hayward observed that turnout at that evening's public hearing was the best that the Town had experienced in several years, noting that the level of participation reflected citizens' interest in being heard on priorities for future capital spending. Selectman Margie Fulcher thanked the Finance Committee for its work to publicize, and solicit citizen participation in, the public hearing and credited the unprecedented attendance at that evening's hearing to those efforts.

All interested parties having been heard, Mr. Hayward closed the public hearing at 8:47 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**On a motion made by Ms. Holden Kelly, the Finance Committee adjourned at 8:48 p.m.**

 Respectfully submitted

  
Gwen A. Holden Kelly  
Recording Secretary