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FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The September 09, 2010, meeting of the Orleans Finance Committee was convened by Chairman Larry Hayward at 7:00 p.m. in the Nauset Room of the Orleans Town Hall. Present constituting a quorum were Chairman Mr. Larry Hayward, Vice Chairman MS. Gwen Holden Kelly, Secretary Mr. Mark Carron, Members Mr. Dale Fuller, Mr. John Hodgson, Mr. Ed Barr and Mr. Paul Rooker. Absent were Mr. Walter Bennett and Mr. Rick Sigel

Guests:

Mr. Jon Fuller, Selectman liaison

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion made by Mr. Barr, the minutes of the August 12, 2010, Finance Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

On a motion made by Mr. Barr, the minutes of the August 26th 2010, Finance Committee meeting were approved 6-0-1 with Mr. Carron abstaining.

Joint Budget Meeting:

Mr. D. Fuller questioned how the deficit will affect the budget process in FY11? How can the Finance Committee effectively use this process for projecting budgets? Should the committee be asking for justification of vehicles purchased? Mr. D. Fuller noted that he felt the committee should understand why new vehicles are purchased?

Selectman Fuller informed the committee that the Board of Selectman will be handing out flyers this coming weekend informing the residents of this joint meeting.

Mr. Rooker asked the members to give thought to: "If we had the most successful meeting possible, what would our objective be, and what would be the outcome?"

Ms. Holden Kelly indicated that she still feels the committee needed to gain and understanding of how the Ambulance Reserve Fund works. With collecting 90% against insurance policies but only a 60% overall return, what other steps could we take to increase the overall intake of money?

Chairman Hayward informed the committee that the Board of Selectman Chairman and Town Administrator indicated this meeting would be the time for the Finance Committee to ask their questions. Mr. Carron reminded the committee that the purpose of this meeting was to enable the public to inquire and suggested the Finance Committee hold their questions for a later meeting.



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Board, Committee and Department Reports:

Mr. Hodgson reported on the Board of Selectman meeting held on September 08, 2010. Mr. Budnick, Highway and Transfer Manager gave the board a shortened report on the work performed and to be performed on the town's roads and drainage.

The Board reviewed several policies and goals. There was a report on the Police Regionalization which is ongoing between Orleans, Eastham and Wellfleet. No progress was announced. The Harwich Police Department did notify the towns that they would be able to handle some additional dispatch services at their new station.

The Board discussed the status of the National Academy of Science having just received a letter of support from Representative Delahunt's office. Discussion covered the anticipated timeline for such a study and the possibility of attaining funding.

It was announced that the Park Department will be co-sponsoring the informational weekend along with the Pond Coalition.

Possible cost savings by cutting back the printing expense of the Town reports was discussed.

Mr. Hodgson also reported on the meeting of the Regional School Committee who reported that they will be undertaking a search for a new Middle School Principal with a budget of \$100,000.

There were some recent Federal Grants issued with Nauset Regional receiving roughly \$215,000 for Jobs and \$17,000 to Orleans Elementary School.

Mr. Rooker reported that the Renewable Energy Committee started to look into the criteria for becoming a "Green Community". Only the Town of Mashpee has been designated as a "Green Community". Ms. Holden Kelly asked if there were any criteria in getting such grants, Mr. Rooker indicated there were not. Mr. Rooker did indicate there would be an increase in the cost of new home construction with such a designation.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mark E. Carron
Secretary