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# FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The April 28, 2011 meeting of the Orleans Finance Committee was convened by Vice Chairman Holden-Kelly at 7:00 p.m. in the Nauset Room of the Orleans Town Hall. Present constituting a quorum were Vice Chairman, Ms. Gwen Holden Kelly, Secretary, Mr. Mark Carron, Members, Mr. John Hodgson, Mr. Paul Rooker, Mr. Rick Sigel, William Weil and Mr. Dale Fuller. Members absent, Chairman Larry Hayward and Mr. Ed Barr.

Acting Chairman Holden Kelly introduced Mr. William Weil who was recently appointed to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Walter Bennett.

#### **Guests:**

Jon Fuller, Selectman Liaison

### Public Speak:

### :49 on Video Tape

Mr. Gary Clinton of Nickerson Heights spoke regarding a presentation recently made by Mr. Paul Niedzwiecki in the Town of Chatham where he indicated that the Cape could not afford the cost of Sewers. He referenced a Newspaper article on a speech given in Eastham regarding alternatives. He also referred to a letter, dated back in January 2009, sent to the Town Of Orleans regarding alternative systems which was never responded to.

# Approval of Minutes: 4:50 on Video Tape

On a motion made by the secretary, seconded by Mr. D. Fuller, the minutes of the March 30, 2011, Finance Committee meeting were approved 6-0-1 (Mr. Weil abstained).

On a motion made by the secretary, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, the minutes of the March 31, 2011, Finance Committee meeting were approved 6-0-1 (Mr. Weil abstained).

# 6:50 on Video Tape

Following the approval of minutes, the acting Chairman Holden-Kelly asked Mr. Weil to give the members and listening audience a brief bio of his background. Worked in Data Center Management for 30 years. Coming to the Cape since late '60's, bought property in Orleans in the late '70's and built his home in 1989 moving permanently in 2005. Chaired the Orleans Police Station Building Committee.



#### **Town Budget Review:**

#### 9:29 on Video Tape

Acting Chairman Holden-Kelly reviewed with the committee the outstanding articles requiring a vote from the committee prior to Town Meeting. It was agreed that Article 4 "Waster Water" would be held over until next Thursday to await the Board of Selectman's meeting and decision Wednesday May 4, 2011.

#### Articles 29-31 Town Fees

## 11:60 on Video Tape

The Committee then took up Articles 29-31 Fee's. Mr. D. Fuller reviewed the fees and read to the committee the estimated revenues to be received.

\$6,800 from the increased Clerk's office fees

\$8,600 from the increase in Demand fees

\$56,000 from the increase in the Building Department fees

No estimate available on the Recreation Department fee increase on Non Residents.

No estimates on Abstract fee increases.

Other fees to be increased but not requiring a Town Meeting vote;

\$40,000 for Transfer Station stickers

\$30,000 for Non-Resident beach stickers

Mr. D. Fuller moved to approve articles 29 through 31 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rooker and approved 5-2-0 (Mr. Carron and Mr. Hodgson voting NA)

#### **Article 33 Putnam Property**

#### 40.21 on Video Tape

Mr. D. Fuller moved to approve Article 33 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carron and approved 5-2-0 (Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Carron voting NA).



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### Special Town Meeting - Article 2 - Budget Transfers'

### <u>58:20 on Video Tape</u>

Mr. Sigel moved to approve Article 2 as presented. The motion was seconded by John Hodgson and approved 6-0-1 (Mr. Weil abstaining).

#### 63:60 on Video Tape

Acting Chairman Holden-Kelly reviewed who is assigned to speak on behalf of the majority and minority.

No action was taken on agenda topics B or C under the Town Budget Review.

#### 71:50 on Video Tape

Mr. Rooker read his draft report for the minority for Article 5, Building Master Plan. This draft will be read on behalf of the minority to outline their position on this article. After hearing the draft, the committee had only a few suggested edits.

The acting Chairman Holden-Kelly read the majority report for article 3, Capital Improvement Plan. Once again this draft was read on behalf of the majority to outline their position on this article, with few suggested edits.

#### **Other Business:**

#### 85:55 on Video Tape

Mr. Hodgson read a prepared request asking the membership to consider re-opening Article 2 for reconsideration so that two absent members could take part in the discussion and have their vote counted. After a lengthy discussion over the parliamentary rules, Mr. Hodgson decided to take the route to rescind the vote on Article 2 which would enable the committee to once again vote on the article at a future meeting.

Mr. Hodgson moved to rescind the vote on Article 2. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sigel and failed to gain the 2/3 vote necessary to pass the motion as the vote was 4-3-0 (Mr. Rooker, Mr. D. Fuller and Acting Chairman Holden-Kelly voting NA).

#### Boards, Committee and Department Reports:

#### 118:40 on Video Tape

No substance reports where made.



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Adjournment: 123:00 on Video Tape

There being no further business before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Mark E. Carron

Secretary

**Next Meeting:** 

Thursday May 05, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Nauset Room at the Town Office Building.

### **Handouts:**

o Log of the Town Meeting Presentations

#### **Future Agenda Topics:**

- o Get detail on unfunded Retirement liabilities
- o Get details on unfunded Insurance liabilities
- o Invite Ken Hull in to review drop in valuation/fluctuation
- o Debrief on the Town Hearings on Budget and Capital Plan issues
- o Discuss Finance Committee WEB site opportunities
- o Review the importance of an MIS audit
- o Review the merits of the towns participation in the RTA
- It was suggested that the committee add on to the list of future topics rolling salaries into Job Description – Both Chief's get paid under the Civil Defense Budget.
- o It was suggested that the committee add reviewing the Unfunded Liability and the creation of "Trust Funds" to their list to follow-up.



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- o Review benefits derived from participation in Old Kings Highway Historic District
- o It was asked to place the Putnam Property review on the follow-up list. Questions on why the extra money is needed should be reviewed.
- o Look over list of Vehicles to determine information needed for next budget year.
- o Discuss funding source for Pavement Management and Waste Water runoff.
- o Research annual article to Hold State Harmless Why?
- o Look at School Choice and per student cost.
- o Study the process and Fee's charge by Orleans for services.