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### FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The January 12, 2012 meeting of the Orleans Finance Committee was convened by Chairman Ms. Gwen Holden-Kelly at 7:00 p.m. in the Nauset Room of the Orleans' Town Hall. Present constituting a quorum were Members; Mr. Dale Fuller, Mr. Paul Rooker, Mr. Mark Carron, Mr. Larry Hayward, Mr. John Hodgson and Mr. Rick Sigel. Members absent were; Mr. William Weil and Ed Barr.

#### **Guests:**

Mr. John Fuller, Selectmen liaison

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **Handouts**

Chairman Holden-Kelly reviewed with the members all of the handouts which were attached to the agenda.

## Approval of Minutes 04.35 on Video Tape

On a motion made by Mr. D. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, the minutes of the December 8th Finance Committee meeting was approved 5-0-2 with Mr. Hayward and Mr. Carron abstaining.

# Update on Misc. items from Town Administrator 05.41 on Video Tape

Mr. D. Fuller reviewed the status of the outstanding questions/requests sent to the Town Administrators office. Ambulance Receipts and Vehicle Schedule are both still outstanding.

Mr. D. Fuller then reviewed his findings after reviewing Fiscal Year 2011 Local Receipts. Beach receipts were up \$40,000, Meals Tax took in \$217,000 (in the first year), and Rock Harbor dock fees were down -\$39,000.

### **Update on Property Purchase 08.45** *on Video Tape* **s**

The purchase of the Jackson Property did not garner a grant. Brewster has decided to proceed with the purchase and Orleans will be paying their \$54,000 obligation from CPC funds.



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The pending Habitat Project for \$600,000 will only proceed if CPC funds are obtained for the total purchase amount.

The Hubler Property was discussed with members questioning is the town missing out on revenue on the days the beach parking is full by not having parking available at the Hubler Property. Mr. Sigel asked for more consideration on this issue. Selectman Fuller suggested that Chairman Holden-Kelly contact the Park Commissioner Chairman McGrath to obtain additional information.

#### Town Bonding 20.10 on Video Tape

Mr. D. Fuller updated the committee on the proposed bonding refinancing which was projected to save the town \$500,000 in interest. Mr. D. Fuller reported that the town actually saved roughly \$602,000 when the bonding went out for refinancing.

Mr. D. Fuller acknowledged that he had received responses from the Town Administrator and would distribute them to the membership.

#### **2013 Fiscal Budget** 27.52 on Video Tape

Chairman Holden-Kelly indicated that our budget books would be made available to us on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The Chairman will notify the membership when they are available so we can arrange to pick them up prior to our next meeting. The Chairman indicated we will each receive the same workbook as the Board of Selectman.

The Chairman then reviewed the voting process. As a committee we will vote on the overall budget, any budget votes will be held for when the majority of the members are present. Any votes to reconsider will follow general Roberts Rules.

The Chairman then reviewed the budget review schedule. It was requested that the calendars be consolidated. The Chairman indicated she would work on a format and send it to each member.

#### Other Business 46.20 on Video Tape

None



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# Boards, Committee and Department Reports: 46.40 on Video Tape

Mr. Sigel indicated that the Rock Harbor Housing will be refinanced with enabling the investors to obtain a tax exemption, which keeps the property as Affordable for the next 20 years.

Both Mr. Hayward and Chairman Holden-Kelly reviewed the Board of Selectman's meetings of December 21, 2011 and January 4, 2012.

Mr. D. Fuller reviewed the proposed fence to cut down on dust and noise that was brought before the Board of Health. After much discussion he indicated that the Board took no action indicating they felt it was not within their authority to act on.

Mr. Carron reviewed the CPC budget for fiscal year 2013 and the projects under consideration.

Mr. Rooker gave an update on the actions of the Renewable energy committee. In particular the proposed Solar Panels project Cape Wide (with 2 planned for Orleans). Concerns were expressed that the committee was not getting the information needed to prepare an article for this coming May town meeting.

Mr. Hodgson updated the committee on the actions of the school committees. Bids are expected to go out for the Green Project by the end of January 2012. The High School budget is up 2.94% and Provincetown is reviewing their agreement to join the Region. Mr. Hodgson also reported that the administration reported a net loss of \$227,000 in the Cafeteria line item which the State has requested they resolve by funding it which will be done out of their E&D account leaving that balance around \$700,000. They have also begun to talk about introducing Virtual Classrooms into the High School.

Mr. Hayward reported on the Elementary and Regional School meeting. Their budget is currently 2.45% higher than FY 2012 without fringe benefits included. Budget books will be available shortly and Provincetown is looking for a long term relationship.



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# Adjournment: 120.10 on Video Tape

There being no further business before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mark Carron

Secretary

**Next Meeting:** 

Thursday January 26, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Nauset Room at the Town Office Building.