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## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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The April 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, and Mr. John Hodgson. Members absent were; Mr. William Weil, Mr. Larry Hayward, Mr. Rick Sigel and Mr. Ed Barr.

### Guests:

Mr. John Fuller, Selectmen liaison  
Mary Jane Curran, Chairman, Orleans Renewable Energy Committee (OREC)

### Public Comment

None

### Town Meeting Articles on Solar Energy: 00:25 on Video Tape

Chairman Curran was introduced by Mr. Rooker. Chairman Curran walked the committee through how the town got to this point we are at today and reviewed the articles to be presented in both the Special and Annual Town Meeting.

Chairman Curran discussed the two sites in Orleans which were selected by CVEC. The 3.5 acres within the landfill and, the 3.5 acres within the watershed area will be the two sites under consideration at town meeting for solar installation projects.

Chairman Curran indicated that the committee was interested in obtaining a bid from an outside firm that would install the panels in the watershed. By obtaining this bid, they would be able to determine which path would be the best and cheapest for the town. She explained that several members of the OREC felt that the town could achieve better financial results by going it alone.

Chairman Curran indicated that there were two tiers of projects "A" and "B", understanding that for the first round only Tier "A" projects would be funded, followed later with the Tier "B" projects.

The OREC will be recommending that the town proceed with the plan to have CEVC install the panels at the landfill, and recommend that the town prepare an RFP (using the \$25,000 article in the Special) to obtain a separate bids so the town can determine which options is best. The Watershed project would be the one they recommend be outlined in the RFP.

Chairman Curran explained that over time, the financial incentives in these projects have enabled numerous firms to now offer this service. CEVC has selected Broadway Electric, who is a seasoned electric company, but not known for their solar installations, which are minimal, as they have recently started this division within their company.



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After reviewing the articles verbiage, Chairman Curran indicated she may go back to the committee to review due her questioning the inclusion of the watershed in the Annual Town Meeting article.

### Handouts 59:30 on Video Tape

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

### Approval of Minutes 61:30 on Video Tape

**On a motion made by Mr. Carron, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, the minutes of the April 5th Finance Committee meeting was approved 5-0-0.**

### Warrant Articles 62:00 on Video Tape

Chairman Holden-Kelly updated the committee on some follow-up questions from the last meeting. She clarified Article 34 – Authorize Lease of Nauset Beach Concession Stand. At issue were the lease amounts over the 10 years, and what items the town was now including in the lease (i.e.; WEB Camera, Wireless access and Highway sign). Mr. Carron expressed some concern that the questions raised could have been avoided by administration insuring that the correct information from the RFP was shared with the Finance Committee.

**Mr. Carron then moved to reconsider the prior vote on article 34 – Authorize Lease of Nauset Beach Concession Stand. The motion was seconded by Mr. D. Fuller and passed unanimously 5-0-0.**

**Mr. Carron then moved to approve article 34 - Authorize Lease of Nauset Beach Concession Stand. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hodgson and passed unanimously 5-0-0.**

The committee then reviewed article 18 – Create and Fund Stabilization Fund for Building and Facility Maintenance. While there was strong support for the establishment of a Stabilization Fund for building maintenance, committee members expressed concern over the lack of a listing to explain to the voters how the \$365,000 would be spent. After a lengthy discussion and an understanding that in the presentation of Article 18, the committee will express their strong support for the funding, but feel that going forward the BOS needs to specify for the voters, how and where the funding would be spent.

**Mr. D. Fuller moved to approve Article 18 - Create and Fund Stabilization Fund for Building and Facility Maintenance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rooker and passed unanimously 5-0-0.**



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After some discussion the committee moved to approved and then withdrew the motion on Article 36 – Authorize Intergovernmental Agreements, Renewable Energy Projects. It was felt by the majority that we should await the decision of the Energy Committee on their final recommendation due to the wording that appeared in the warrant.

### **Other Business 98:00 on Video Tape**

Chairman Holden – Kelly asked committee members to please be at the Town Meeting at 5 pm in the Middle School Cafeteria, in case the committee needed to take votes prior to the meeting.

### **Boards, Committee and Department Reports: 102:09 on Video Tape**

Mr. Rooker reviewed the BOS meeting of this past week.

Mr. Rooker then touched on some issues he took back from the Energy Committee meeting. He indicated that he felt there were Pro's and Con's depending on how the town votes at the town meeting.

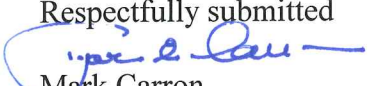
Mr. Rooker indicated that the State has authorized 99 megawatts which can be approved state wide. The CEVC proposal itself accounts for 50 megawatts, so with the limitation established by the state this will be an extremely large project that may not fit entirely within the ceiling. However, on the other hand, the State is currently debating increasing the cap for more renewable energy. Will they approve the request?

Mr. Rooker noted that CEVC will be charging \$.01 per watt, giving them roughly \$500,000 per year in revenue. The issue will be whether the \$500,000 is sufficient or insufficient for managing the 44 projects proposed since there is no proforma of CVEC operations after implementation. What will be done with the excess, will they spend all of the \$500,000?

### **Adjournment: 132:04 on Video Tape**

**There being no further business before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted

  
Mark Carron  
Secretary

### **Next Meeting:**





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*Thursday April 19, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Nauset Room at the Town Office Building.*

### **Follow-Up Items**

- Discussion of adequacy of existing business management resources in Fire Department and consideration of possible FinCom recommendation to the Board of Selectmen on this issue
- Chief Quinn – report on Brewster’s use of a new ambulance using an existing box
- Better understanding of the flow of income generated by fees.
- Review merits of staying involved in the Old Kings Highway Historical District
- Financial concerns with vehicle and equipment replacement list
- Discussion of possible FinCom recommendation to the Board of Selectmen regarding filling position of Water Superintendent
- Turn back issue averages \$500,000
- Tour the Water Facility
- Administration Costs for the OES