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FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The January 22, 2013 meeting of the Orleans Finance Committee, meeting jointly with the Orleans Board of Selectmen, was convened by Chairman Ms Gwen Holden-Kelly at 7:00 pm in the Nauset Room of the Orleans Town Hall. Present and constituting a quorum were members Mr. Mark Carron, Mr. Dale Fuller, Mr. Joshua Larson, Mr. Paul Rooker and Mr. Rick Sigel. Absent were members Mr. Laurence Hayward, Mr. John Laurino and Mr. William Weil.

Public Comment

None

Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen - Discussion and Questions Regarding Town of Orleans FY 2014 Budget

The Committee and the Board of Selectmen discussed various sections of the town of Orleans' proposed FY 2014 budget. Please refer to the minutes of this meeting compiled by the Board of Selectmen for further information.

Approval of Minutes 120:00 on video recording

On a motion made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Sigel, the minutes of the January 17, 2013 Finance Committee meeting were approved 5-0-1 with Mr. Carron abstaining from the vote.

Further Discussion of Town of Orleans FY 2014 Budget 121:00 on video recording

After the departure of the members of the Board of Selectmen, the Committee continued its discussion of the town's proposed FY 2014 budget. In particular, the Committee discussed the following items in detail:

- the structure of the Parks and Beaches department and the imminent restructuring of the department.
- Committee members expressed concern over the lack of coherence between the proposed budget and the restructured department. In particular, Mr. Sigel noted that the approved structure for the new Department of Public Works does not match the way the Parks and Beaches budget is structured, and that this budgeting mis-match has significant potential to cause disruption of services at town parks and beaches, which he considers unacceptable. Committee members were in broad agreement with Mr. Sigel and the Committee agreed that the restructuring of the department should be done in a more expedient manner to maximize the functionality of the department, and

that the budget should in general be looked at again in light of the approved and imminent restructuring of the department.

- The Committee discussed a number of line items in the budget, and in response to a question from Mr. Larson regarding the propriety of bringing up small line items in its discussion with the Selectmen and the town administrator, agreed that no line item is too small to raise in these discussions.
- The Committee went on to a brief review of upcoming meetings and Ms Holden-Kelly again emphasized the importance of attending the meetings to ensure the presence of a quorum. Chairman Holden-Kelly reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule as follows:
 - Wednesday, January 23: Highway Department and possibly Regional School District Representatives
 - Wednesday, January 30: Joint FinCom/BoS budget review session, Police Department
 - Thursday, January 31: Joint FinCom/BoS budget review session, Fire Department

Adjournment 140:00 on video recording

There being no further business before the Committee, Mr. Larson moved to adjourn. Mr. Sigel seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted


Joshua Larson
Secretary

Next Meeting
Wednesday, January 23, 2013