

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, Tuesday, April 24, 2001 Judge Welsh Meeting Room, Town Hall, Provincetown, MA 02657

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Dougal at 4:30 P.M.

Those present were Chairman Bill Dougal, Jennifer Bedard, Gail Enos, Sue Buerkel, Alice Foley, Irene Rabinowitz, Gordon Siegel and Ruth Gilbert. Rick Holland and Robert Vetrick were excused.

I. Minutes from March 22, 2001 were approved unanimously.

II. Minutes from April 2, 2001 were approved unanimously.

III. Minutes from April 3, 2001 were approved 5-0-3.

IV. Recap of 2001 Town Meeting discussion

Bill Dougal suggested that for next year's Town Meeting, selected members of the Finance Committee meet with proponents of each town article prior to the meeting. This will help insure that the article is written properly and as a way of bringing back some expertise on each article to the Finance Committee so they can make informed decisions. Everybody liked the idea and the issue will be brought back to a future meeting.

V. Pier Nominating Committee

Robert Vetrick was Finance Committee representative but his term expires May 1, 2001. Ruth Gilbert nominated Alice Foley, Gordon Siegel seconded and it passed 7-0-1. Alice accepted with the understanding that she plans to nominate Rick Holland to the Pier Corporation.

VI. 1/12 Exemptions

- ⇒ Chief of Police, Robert Anthony requested an exemption for summer staffing, etc. Ruth Gilbert made a motion, Gordon Siegel seconded and it passed unanimously. As this will be his last time before the Finance Committee, Chief Anthony expressed this appreciation in working with them over the years. Committee members expressed their appreciation in return and all wished the Chief the best in his retirement.
- ⇒ Town Clerk, Stephan Nofield requested an exemption for town meeting and elections-113 (amount currently unknown) and for legal subscriptions-161-582 (\$700). Gordon Siegel made a motion, Irene Rabinowitz seconded and it passed unanimously.

VII. Handouts

- ⇒ April 24, 2001 memo from Town Manager regarding Department of Municipal Finance Reorganization Plan Approval
- ⇒ April 24, 2001 memo from Town Manager regarding Tax Title Update

VIII. Continued discussion of Heritage Museum/Library

IX. Restructuring of Finance Committee

Bill Dougal announced that after nine years on the Finance Committee, Robert Vetrick's term would expire on May 1, 2001. Bill applauded Robert's service, saying that he held the committee to a high standard and that very often he was the conscience of the committee. Alice Foley offered to have a deck party to thank Robert for his service.

Ruth Gilbert made a motion to re-appoint Jennifer Bedard as Committee Secretary, Gordon Siegel seconded and it passed 7-0-1. Ruth Gilbert made a motion to re-appoint Rick Holland as Vice-Chair, Sue Buerkel seconded and it passed unanimously. Irene Rabinowitz made a motion to reappoint Bill Dougal as Chairman, Gail Enos seconded and it passed 7-0-1.

X. Alice Foley inquired as to the procedures for private donations going to a Town Department (i.e. Friends of the Library) Gordon Siegel said he would call the Town Manager to find out.

XI. Bill Dougal announced that Water Superintendent, Craig Weiland has resigned.

Meeting was adjourned at 6PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Lutsky

Recording Secretary