

**Provincetown Finance Committee Minutes**  
**April 15, 2016, 10:30 am**  
**Judge Welsh Room, Provincetown Town Hall**

**Members Present:** Mark Hatch, Louise Venden, Mark Bjorstrom, Mark Del Franco, and Scott Valentino (arrived 10:55)

**Excused Absent:** Duane Steele, Stan Sikorski

**Others Present:** Finance Director Dan Hoort

Meeting called to order at 10:32 a.m.

**Member Statements:**

Louise stated that we should do a better job of distributing information and educating residents prior to town meeting. The information presented at town meeting is too much to be absorbed during the meeting.

Mary Jo Avellar questioned how much more could be done. There are a number of hearings, public meetings, etc., and people don't take advantage of the opportunities to learn about the warrant ahead of time.

Mark H. mentioned that people don't take advantage of public hearings and the educational opportunities that are already there.

The Committee discussed how they could continue to improve the education process for town residents. There is a short amount of time between when the warrant closes and town meeting. We may want to lengthen the amount of time between the two to enable more information, including a non-legal summary of each article, to be included in the warrant. An information piece with the summary, pros and cons for each article, similar to the League of Women Voters information piece, could be helpful. Tony mentioned we should survey residents to determine how they want to receive their information. Committee requested when the Town Clerk has his survey results compiled that they he share them with the Committee.

Mark H mentioned that we need two additional members of the Committee, both alternate positions. It is now the Committee's appointment. The Committee agreed that having a regularly scheduled meeting each month may be more attractive to new members. It will be added to the next agenda for discussion.

Mark H. mentioned the Committee may want to have a letter to the Selectmen on what the Committee feels the Selectmen should be working on. It has been done in the past. That will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

The Committee discussed their next meeting. The next meeting will be scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. The Committee will set their future meeting schedule on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:37am