

FinCom Minutes

Location: Judge Welsh Hearing Room

May 18, 1999, 4:35PM

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Members Present: Sue Buerkel, Bill Dougal, Gail Enos, Alice Foley, Robert Vetrick,
Richard Williams

Alternates Present: Ken Weiss

I. Bill Dougal deferred the approval of the minutes from the 4/22/99 meeting because Richard Holland had not finalized them yet.

II. Motion to Approve a waiver of the 1/12th rule for the following expenses:

Election & town meeting expenses \$2,472.06

Foley moved, Buerkel seconded; passed 6-0-0

Motion for Reserve fund budget transfers:

Dept head salary, contracted payroll services, & new computer for the town manager=secretary \$ 7,500.00

Foley moved, Buerkel seconded; passed 6-0-0

Bill Dougal informed everyone present that the remaining balance of the reserve fund after this transfer is \$26,958.00. A discussion followed and town policy dictates that if these funds are not expended before the fiscal year end, the reserve fund balance will be returned to the general fund.

III. Keith Bergman told the committee that there was a short list of candidates for the new position of tourism director, salary \$30,000/year. Keith Bergman says the position will be filled by 7/1/99.

IV. Finance committee members updates were deferred until a future meeting.

Gail Enos joined the meeting.

V. Motion to appoint a sub committee to review whether the format of the Orleans Town Meeting Warrant could be used to better inform the Provincetown voting population.

Foley moved, Buerkel seconded; passed 7-0-0

Michael Hattersley will chair the sub committee, committee volunteers include Sue Buerkel, Richard Williams, Ken Weiss. Bill Dougal recommends that Keith Bergman, Stephan Nofield and Ken Learned be part of the sub committee.

Motion to request 1/12th rule exemptions for the following:

5313 Property inspector services \$5,903.00

5314 Contr Services-Professional \$ 8,965.00

Vetrick moved, Foley seconded; passed 7-0-0

VII. Bill Dougal presented a list of financial planning concepts to the committee, including the following: Wastewater, Long term school plan, the Manor, pier funding, consolidation study, creation of a stabilization fund, Heritage museum, financial goals, & funding sources.

John Goodrich shared his suggestions resulting from the May 17th Selectman=s meeting with FinCom. He also proposed a multi-board meeting on the financial needs and fiscal realities between the Finance Committee, the Board of Selectman and the School Committee. This meeting is scheduled for June 3, 1999.

Alice Foley proposes having multiple public hearing in a variety of venues prior to the next town meeting in order to better inform the voting public.

A future FinCom agenda item was suggested by Robert Vetrick: FinCom=s role in trying to recover funds from the insurance company of the defunct architect responsible for the roof problems at the Shank Painter fire station and at the airport.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 6:35PM:

Foley moved, Buerkel seconded; passed 7-0-0

Richard Williams

Secretary