

FinCom Minutes

Location: Judge Welsh Hearing Room

June 18, 1999, 10:00 AM

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Members Present: Bill Dougal, Gail Enos, Alice Foley, Michael Hattersley, Lynn Mogell,
Robert Vetrick Ken Weiss, Richard Williams

Members Absent/Informed Chair: Richard Holland, Sue Buerkel, John Strong

Members Absent/Not Informed Chair: None

Motion to approve minutes from the April 22, 1999 & May 18, 1999 meetings:

Hattersley moved, Enos seconded; passed 6-0-0

Richard Williams will contact several of the Town of Provincetown On-call Secretary's to select a recording secretary. Report of the On-Call Secretary selection will be made at the next FINCOM meeting.

Motion to approve a waiver of the 1/12th rule for the following expenses: Requested By-Public Works Director David Guertin

A. MPL Comfort Station for seasonal supplies & septic pumping.

Alice Foley joined the meeting at 10: 10AM.

B. Recycling-cost of the Peanut Shed.

C. Transfer Station repairs.

Hattersley moved, Weiss seconded, passed 6-0-1

Motion to approve a waiver of the 1/12th rule for the following expense: Requested By-Chief of Police Robert Anthony

A. Funds necessary to pay additional seasonal police department employees.

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

Motion to approve a waiver of the 1/12th rule for the following expense: Requested By-Town Accountant Malcolm Galvin

A. Funds for a new printer for Licensing Agent Judith Oset.

Weiss moved, Hattersley seconded; passed 7-0-0

Robert Vetrick joined the meeting at 10: 14AM.

Discussion with Keith Bergman and Ken Learned about the reserve fund balance of \$26,598. Mr Learned stated that the reserve fund should be encumbered to pay any current year expenses that may have been overlooked. An example given was of a bill from last year that had to wait until the Annual Town Meeting in April 1999 to be paid.

Motion to encumber the current Reserve Fund Balance was made: Foley moved, Vetrick seconded; Motion tabled until after the discussion of a \$5,000.00 request for Reserve Fund Transfer.

Motion to transfer \$5,000 from Reserve Fund to engage the services of a review appraiser in connection with the Town's proposed purchase of 7.52 acres of **Shankpainter Ponds** Uplands property:

Keith Bergman told the committee that the review of the first two property appraisals was necessary in order for the town to apply for a \$500,000.00 self help grant and that the review should be complete within I month. A discussion among board members resulted in the general consensus that spending this \$5,000.00 was reasonable. Enos moved, Hattersley seconded; passed 7-1-0

Motion to return to the table the previous motion-encumber the unexpended balance of the Reserve Fund: Vetrick moved, Foley seconded; passed 8-0-0

Discussion of the Finance Committee Handbook: Lynn Mogell was added to the Finance Committee Handbook Subcommittee. FinCom would like an additional 30 days to review the handbook before the annual town meeting. To accomplish this, a change to the town charter would have to be made.

Discussion of a FinCom review of the 1997& 1998 Auditors Report: Ken Weiss wanted a copy of the report.

Robert Vetrick volunteered to present the views of FinCom about employing consultants to prepare a survey of Provincetown residents & parents on the subject of "whether the costs of renovating the high school is prohibitive in view of declining enrollment". Mr Vetrick will prepare a statement that he will review with Mr.'s Dougal and Hattersley prior to the June 22, 1999 School Committee meeting.

Discussion of each FinCom members' thoughts of the June 7, 1999 Facility Needs & Fiscal Realities meeting:

Fincom should step back. Not the first time FinCom butts heads with the selectman. FinCom should be involved in big ticket items. FinCom has the role to review, we should step back and allow the selectmen to be selectmen. FinCom should maintain an advisory role not a policy making role.

It would be a good idea to have the newspapers print FinCom opinions on spending topics.

Robert Vetrick suggested that another FinCom meeting be scheduled after the following other public meetings: School Committee meeting June 22, 1999 Wastewater Update meeting June 23, 1999 Board of Selectmen June 28, 1999

Ken Weiss volunteered to be FinCom's liaison for wastewater.

A discussion of the Town Grant for a legal defense fund administered by the fire Department's membership was deferred until the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 1105PM:

Vetrick moved, Dougal seconded; passed 6-0-0

Richard Williams
Secretary