



# Finance Committee

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
 July 25, 2011 @ 6:00 pm  
 The Judge Welsh Room at Town Hall  
 Called to Order: 6:05 PM

### Membership:

P	E	U	Name	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thomas Coen, Chair	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ann Maguire, Vice Chair	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Canizales	
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**(Note: P = Present E = Excused U = Unexcused)**

*These minutes are in brief format. This meeting was filmed and is available for viewing at <http://www.provincetowntv.org/> or on DVD at the Provincetown Television office.*

<b>Also Present:</b>	Sharon Lynn, Town Manager
Elaine Anderson, BoS Chair	Dan Hoort, Finance Director
David Bedard, BoS Vice Chair	James Meads, IAC Chair
Austin Knight, BoS	Linda O'Brien, IAC
David McChesney, BoS	Paul Gavin, IAC
John Santos, BoS	Cheryl Duarte, IAC
	Sherry Prada, IAC

## **Order of Business:**

1. Joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen and the Insurance Advisory Committee to discuss the Municipal Health Insurance Reform Act.
2. Any other business that may legally come before the Finance Committee.

*(The Committee came out of recess from its previous meeting at 6:05 pm.)*

## **JOINT MEETING WITH Board of Selectmen & Insurance Advisory Committee**

### **Understanding the New Health Care Legislation**

We reviewed two summaries of health care legislation signed by Governor Patrick on July 12, 2011, as part of the FY 2012 State Budget. The first is from Paul Mulkern, Attorney for the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group, and the second is from Kopelman and Paige. Kopelman and Paige's memo provides a list of steps that municipalities will be required to take to comply with the new legislation. Regulatory details have not been worked out at this time.

FinCom Chair Tom Coen went over the memo he sent to the Board of Selectmen date July 19, 2011 that included the summary of Municipal Health Insurance Reform Act published by the Massachusetts Municipal Association along with some notes at the end that raises some issues that occurred to him as he was putting the letter to the Board of Selectmen. He also noted that the Finance Committee has no role under this law, but certainly has an interest in the outcome and would like to discuss what role, if any, the Finance Committee should play.

Insurance Advisory Chair James Meads – we're going to take one step at a time.

Elaine Anderson – Appreciate the FinCom’s work on this and look forward to this to move in a way that will be fair and equitable.

Town Manager Sharon Lynn – Next step in this process is additional discussions with the Insurance Advisory Commission and digging into the interpretation of the Reform . This will take place in the fall and we should be able to move forward. Also we will be looking at all the union contracts and how to process with this and establishing the Public Employee Committee.

Tom Coen – The Public Employee Committee and the Insurance Advisory Committee are not the same thing. They each have distinct and separate roles.

**List of documents reviewed:**

1. *Summaries of the Massachusetts municipal health care reform act from the Massachusetts Municipal Association, the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group, and Kopelman and Paige (town attorneys).*

Next Meeting:	TBD
Adjourn:	6:35 pm
Minutes by:	Vernon Porter / Tom Donegan

Approved by  on October 10, 2011  
Thomas Coen, Chair