

FINCOM
Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2015

Members Present: Alice, Bruce, Heidi, Laura, Steve

Not Present: Don, John, Rudy

Others: Tim

Location: Hapgood Room, Old Library

Alice opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 8 meeting were unanimously approved.

Liaison Appointments: The appointment of Heidi to represent FinCom at CPIC was unanimously approved. The election of a new FinCom Chair was deferred until the next meeting, in order to provide the opportunity for expression of interest in the position by any of the members not present. In view of the number of members not present, other liaison appointments were discussed, but it was agreed that they would not be finalized until the next meeting. Following are the tentative assignments to be confirmed:

Laura: Police, Fire, Ambulance

Steve: School, CPC, Monte Tech

Bruce: COA, OPEB

Rudy: Planning, Parks & Rec., Library

Don: Agriculture, Town Hall, Master Plan, Energy

John: Historical, Pond

Heidi: Health, DPW, Tree Warden

Chair (Alice): Town Clerk, Personnel, Moderator, Board of Selectmen

To Reassign: Cable, Cemetery

Deadlines: The calendar of future FinCom, CPC and Selectman meetings and deadlines (prepared by Tim) was reviewed. Particularly noted were the Dec. 2 scheduled date for FinCom to receive Budgets for review and the weekday dates for Town Meeting, April 5 and 6.

School User Fees: A committee of parents has been meeting regularly with Linda Dwight on the subject of school user fees for athletic programs. A survey had been sent to about 180 parents, with about 130 having been returned. The School Committee sets fees, with the year-end results fluctuating from about a \$21k deficit to a surplus of about \$27k. Steve will ask the School Committee to look at a breakdown of this budget – who manages the budget, by sport, and when were the fees last changed?

Streetlight Poles: Members expressed concern about the safety issues arising from 2 streetlight poles on Fairbank St. which are now surrounded only by the street pavement.

Sewer Status: Tim reported that only 20 eligible properties are not connected and that the system is performing well.

Parks and Recreation: Members expressed interest in whether there are now schedules for both the use and the maintenance of the fields, and whether there is a schedule of fees for use of the fields by outside groups.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Nickerson