

JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

April 16, 2014

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**Meeting Date:** April 16, 2014

**Called to Order:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls MA

**Finance Committee Members Present:** John Hanold, Sharon Kennaugh, Lisa Adams, Lynn Reynolds, Michael Naughton and Greg Garrison.

**Selectmen Present:** Mark Fairbrother. Michael Nelson and Christopher Boutwell were absent, so there was no quorum.

**Others Present:** Town Administrator Frank Abbondanzio and Town Accountant Carolyn Olsen

**Minutes**

Finance Committee Moved:

To approve the minutes of April 2, 2014.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained

**Finance Committee Report to Town Meeting**

In recent years the Finance Committee Report to Town Meeting has included the motions with recommendations from both the Selectmen and Finance Committee. This was done so that Town Meeting members had all the information in one place.

Since there is not enough time this year to have the motions reviewed by Town Counsel before the report must to go to the printers, the Finance Committee Report to Town Meeting will just include the report. Town Meeting members will still have the report, including a statement of recommendations, but the motions (perhaps with individual recommendations at the discretion of the Selectmen) will be a separate document to keep things as simple as possible for Town Meeting members.

It was decided to add to the report the statement "This year the Finance Committee recommends all articles and funding sources as presented in the motions (a separate document in the information packet). The only non-unanimous vote was for Article #19, DPW Equipment, with the dissenting vote in favor of funding from Taxation." This statement will be #5 under **Special Articles & Use of Reserves** (on p. 6).

Finance Committee Moved:

To approve the presented version of the Finance Committee Report to Town Meeting.

Vote: 6 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

**Reconsider Special Article for Union Contract Settlements**

The article to fund union negotiations needs to be separated by union and funding source.

Finance Committee Moved:

To reconsider their recommendation for the union contract settlement article.

Vote: 6 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

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Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$62,723 be appropriated to fund the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement with the Town of Montague Employee Association for Fiscal Year 2015, to be funded with \$5,040 from Sewer User Fees and \$57,683 from Taxation.

Vote: 6 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

Finance Committee Moved:

To recommend \$44,469 be appropriated to fund the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers or America, Local 274 for Fiscal Year 2015, to be funded with \$16,176 from Sewer User Fees and \$28,293 from Taxation.

Vote: 6 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

**Set Next Meeting Date**

The next joint meeting will be on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Topics not anticipated within in the 48 hour posting requirements- none**

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:25 PM**

**List of Documents and Exhibits**

- Minutes April 9, 2014
- Final Finance Committee Report to Town Meeting

**Next Meetings:**

- April 30, 2014 DPW Reserve Fund Transfer Request \$3,000 for Hoister License CEUs