

**JOINT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes of March 17, 2011**

Chairman Dick Gandt called the meeting to order at 7:35PM. Board members present in addition to Chairman Gandt, were Martha Morrison, Eldon Goodhue and Laura Powers. Nancy Luther was absent. Finance Committee members present Chairman Mark Lyons, Holger Luther, Heidi Bond, Steve Lais, Kathy Hartman, Karen Dow and Paul Dierze and Secretary for Finance Committee Erica Clay. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder and Board Secretary Donna Rich were in attendance. Other persons present during all or part of the meeting were Rosemarie Lucey, William Jacavano, Jeanine Cunniff, Michele Voner, Ken Vogel, Heidi Fox, Susan Archer, Joe Quigley, Missy McSweeney, Melissa Peirce, and Moderator John Kinhan.

Chairman Gandt announced that a citizen would be videotaping the meeting.

Chairman Gandt stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the financial aspect of the 2011 Annual Town Warrant with the Finance Committee.

Chairman Gandt reviewed what the Board of Selectmen had discussed at their meeting earlier that day. He noted the Board voted to move the cost of snow removal off the roofs at the Proctor School and the Town Library to the Snow & Ice Budget, and to allow the deficit spending of that budget. This would also require a vote of the Finance Committee. In addition, Chairman Gandt announced that the Library Slate Roof Repairs (\$10,000), the Permitting Software (estimated at \$10,000) and the Town Hall Lighting (estimated at \$2,000) Articles had been deleted from the Warrant.

Chairman Lyons announced that the figures would be changing often in the next few days as they finish up the modeling format and move into actual financing within the Town Budget process. He noted, that with the changes made by the Board of Selectmen, it appeared that Finance Committee documents didn't reflect updated figures and would need to be updated in order to move forward on the budget. Then Chairman Lyons reviewed the schedule of events that the Finance Committee would follow over the next 14 days to meet the deadlines for the publication of the 2010 Annual Town Warrant.

There was a brief discussion regarding the structure of potential Override Questions, how many questions there might be and how they might be structured. Chairman Gandt stated that no final votes had been taken.

There was then a discussion regarding funding of the purchase of the Highway Dump/Sander/Wing/Plow truck as a capital exclusion at a cost of \$145,000, which Chairman Gandt noted would save \$20,000 over the total cost of leasing over a 6 year period.

At 8:34 PM, Selectmen Powers made a motion to adjourn and Holger Luther seconded the motion; so voted: 11-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Selectmen's Office

Approved as amended at the June 20, 2011 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law,' G.L. 39, § 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Board constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Board as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.