

Finance Committee Meeting
09-20-2011
Minutes

Present:

Members: Mary Braney-Chair, Paul McLaughlin-Vice Chair, Chris Kandel, Chris Bowen, Robbin Joyce, Julie Parenteau, Tom Parker

Invited speakers Present:

Dr. Reza Namin – Superintendent of Schools

Steven Tyler – Superintendent of Utilities & Facilities

Adam Gaudette – Town Administrator

- Meeting called to order at 7:00pm
- Motion made by Chris Kandel to approve August 16th minutes as written
Second by: Tom Parker
Approved: Unanimously
- Speaker Dr. Reza Namin – Superintendent of Schools
Shared Vision – Setting Priorities
Create Timeline – Meetings and Budget Development
Process – Site Based Management of each school
Top School Focuses: SPED – why are students leaving the district
Increased Professional Development
Capital Improvement Program
FY2013 Issues: \$700,000 shortfall in stimulus funds and (3) collective bargaining contracts to be worked out.
- Speaker Steven Tyler – Superintendent of Utilities & Facilities
New to position in last few months. Gave personal history and background.
Answered multiple questions from committee members and will be working along side Adam Gaudette to review and create FY2013 Budget.
Top Focuses: Transfer Station – ownership vs outsource
Roadways – keeping streets drivable
- Correspondence: copy of updates to bylaws from Annual Town Meeting
- Liaison Reports
 - Capital Planning Committee – Nancy Herholz not present to report
 - Financial Planning Committee – Adam Gaudette reported that data is still be analyzed

- School Building Committee – Chris Bowen reported 1st meeting since Jan 2011 – RFPs are in - 12 bids to review by next week using predetermined rating scale
- School Capital Planning Committee – John Stevens not present to report
- SEBRSC – Mary Braney reported last meeting spoke of wind report – now analyzing data collected (info found on website).
- Speaker Adam Gaudette – Town Administrator
 - Fall Special Town Meeting Calendar handed out
 - Proposed Town Meeting Article List handed out
 - FY2011 Close Out Update
 - Discussed new website and creating emails for residents questions
 - Sibley Farm Update – option to partner w/Mass Audubon to purchase site for possible conservation
- Regional Conference – John Stevens not present to report
Adam Gaudette reported that it was well attended and very informative – hosted by Tim Murray
- Meeting with Peter Durant, 6th Worcester District Planning Commission – Mary Braney and Tom Parker reported the discussion focused on Chapter 70 formula and new jobs creation – Guest Speaker – Mike Hruby
- No further business
- Motion made at 8:45pm by Chris Bowen to adjourn meeting
Second by: Chris Kandel
Approved: Unanimously
- Next meeting: October 18, 2011 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Parenteau