

Spencer Finance Committee
August 23, 2022, 7:00 PM
Spencer Town Hall, McCourt Social Hall
157 Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562

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Minutes

- 1) Call meeting to order, 7:01 pm

Members attending: Mary Braney, Chair, Paul McLaughlin, Vice Chair, Bill Wall, Clerk, Chris Bowen, Virginia Davidson (R), Charles O'Connor, Ed Sproul, Nancy Tame (R), Jonathan Viner, Chris Woodbury, Jeff Bridges (Town Administrator). From the Board of Selectmen; Gary Woodbury (R) and Tony Pepe (R). (R) = Remote

- 2) Announcement: The meeting will be held in person however members may opt to participate remotely per updated guidance. For this meeting, should any member choose to participate remotely all votes will be taken by roll call in accordance with Regulation 940, CMR 29.10 of the Open Meeting Law.
- 3) Minutes of April 12, 2022, meeting and May 5, 2022, and August 8, 2022, joint meetings with Board of Selectmen

Ed Sproul made a motion to approve all 3 mentioned minutes, Chris Bowen seconded the motion. On a roll call vote 9 were in favor and one abstained.

- 4) Committee reorganization for FY2021

- a) Election of

- i) Chair

Charles O'Connor made a motion to elect Chris Woodbury to chair the committee, Jonathan Viner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote 4 were in favor and 6 were opposed.

Bill Wall made a motion to elect Mary Braney as chair, Paul McLaughlin seconded. On a roll call vote 6 were in favor and 4 were opposed.

- ii) Vice Chair

Paul McLaughlin made a motion to elect Chris Woodbury as vice chair, Ed Sproul seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all were in favor.

- iii) Clerk

Chris Bowen made a motion to elect Bill Wall as clerk, Ed Sproul seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all were in favor.

- b) Appointment of Finance Committee representatives
 - i) Financial Management Planning Committee
Paul McLaughlin and Charles O'Connor volunteered
 - ii) Capital Planning Committee
Chris Woodbury
 - iii) Building & Property Reuse Advisory Committee
Jonathan Viner
 - iv) Economic Development Committee
No one at this time

5) Correspondence

DLS, Beacon and a letter from Bay Path

6) Representative Reports

- a) Financial Management Planning Committee - Paul McLaughlin, Bill Wall
No meeting
- b) SEBRSC – Ed Sproul
The district has a slight increase in enrollment over last year
- c) DPHS Building Committee – Mary Braney
Special Town Meeting vote on 9/14/2022
- d) Economic Development Committee – Charlie O'Connor
Committee being reactivated.
- e) Capital Planning Committee – Chris Woodbury
No Meeting
- f) Cable Contract Advisory Committee – Nancy Tame
No meeting yet, the committee is being reorganized with Jeff Bridges as chair

7) Siemens Project – SEBRSD

School District Superintendent Paul Haughhey and district financial officer Gary Suter presented a handout to the finance committee. This handout included a detailed breakdown, by building, of the costs for the project now in it's third year of operation.

8) Discussion and vote on recommendation on Special Town Meeting Warrant, September 14, 2022, request for funding for addition/replacement building project at David Prouty High School

Chris Woodbury made a motion defer a recommendation of the high school project to the school committee, Charles O'Connor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, one was in favor and 9 were opposed.

Bill Wall made a motion to recommend approval of the expenditure and Ed Sproul seconded. On a roll call vote 7 were in favor, 2 opposed and one abstained.

Other business:

A motion was made by Charles O'Connor for the town administrator to provide the committee with an audit report from the school district. Chris Woodbury seconded the

motion. On a roll call vote all were in favor.

A motion was made by Charles O'Connor to get an update from the town administrator on the highway department salt shed project. Jonathan Viner seconded the motion. On a roll call vote 6 were in favor and 4 were opposed.

9) Adjourn: 9:16 pm

Chris Woodbury made the motion to adjourn, and Paul McLaughlin seconded. On a roll call vote all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted
William J Wall Jr

Referenced documents: Letter from Bay Path confirming Spencer's share of the 2023 budget, Siemen's project report and the special town meeting warrant.

Next regular Finance Committee meeting September 27, 2022

Special Town Meeting September 14, 2022, 7 PM David Prouty High School Gymnasium

Special Town Election October 4, 2022, 7 AM-8PM Spencer Town Hall Debt Exclusion vote regarding DPHS construction project

November 10, 2022 - **TENTATIVE** Fall Special Town Meeting 7 PM (Amend Municipal Budget and other Articles)

