

Spencer Finance Committee Joint with Board of Selectmen
March 15, 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: 7:02 pm

Members attending: Mary Braney, Chair, Paul McLaughlin, Vice Chair, Bill Wall, Clerk, Chris Bowen (R), Virginia Davidson (R), Charles O'Connor, Ed Sproul, Nancy Tame (R), Chris Woodbury, Bill Shemeth, (Town Moderator), Jeff Bridges (Town Administrator). From the Board of Selectmen; Gary Woodbury, Ralph Hicks, John Howard, Jared Grigg 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 February 22, 2022, meeting

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

- 4) Budget Presentations from:

Fire Chief Bob Parsons; see handout

Police Chief David Darrin; see handout

Parks & Rec Commissioners; see handout

BPRVTHS Superintendent Kyle Brenner; Business Manager Irene T. Houle; see handout

Selectmen adjourned 8:53 pm

- 5) Correspondence

DLS and Beacon emails.

- 6) Liaison Reports

- a) SEBRSC – Ed Sproul
The district is keeping their mask mandate in line with current CDC guidance. High School had to go to remote learning for a short time due to the water issues at the school.
- b) DPHS Building Committee – Mary Braney
The construction manager at risk option was chosen out of the available options.
- c) CIPC – Chris Woodbury
Departmental presentations have begun. First up Police, Fire, ODIS, and Parks. More to follow.

- 7) Town Administrator Report
 - a) FY 2023 Budget update
All have been sent the current budget proposal. In the weeks to follow expect small changes.
 - b) ARPA update
Public meeting set up for 3/30 @ 6:00pm for public comments.

- 8) Any other
Mary updated the group on the MMA briefing from the previous week and will send along the presentation.

- 9) Adjourn: 9:06 pm
Chris Woodbury made the motion and Ed Sproul seconded. On a roll call vote all present were in favor.

Next Finance Committee meeting March 22, 2022

Mar. 16, 2022: Final SEBRSD Budget due to the Towns per the District Agreement (tentative)

Mar. 22, 2022: **Finance Committee– Joint with Board of Selectmen:** Budget Presentations from SEBRSD, Town Clerk, COA, ODIS

Mar. 29, 2022: **Finance Committee - Joint with Board of Selectmen: 7PM** - Budget Presentations from Library, Utilities & Facilities (Water, Highway, Transfer Station), Sewer; Review ATM Warrant

Apr. 11, 2022: **Board of Selectmen Meeting: Vote to Close and Sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

Apr. 12, 2022: **Finance Committee: Public Hearing on FY2023 Budget** and Vote Recommendations on Annual Town Meeting Warrant (*Place ad to appear in New Leader on Apr 1)

Apr. 28, 2022: Fincom Drop Dead to have the Warrant to printer (must have Warrant at least 4 days before ATM)

May 5, 2022: **Annual Town Meeting**

May 10, 2022: **Annual Town Election**

Respectfully Submitted,
William J Wall, Jr

