

Spencer Finance Committee
February 22, 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: 700 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 (R), Bill Shemeth, (Town Moderator), Jeff Bridges (Town Administrator), Gary Woodbury (BOS). (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 January 25, 2022, meeting

Ed Sproul made a motion to approve the minutes, Chris Woodbury seconded the motion. On a roll call vote six were in favor with one abstention.

- 4) Correspondence

Bay Path's 2023 Budget, the State's DLS reports and the Beacon.

- 5) Salt Shed update – Bill Cundiff

See handout which contained a couple of options from the last time this was discussed. After much discussion it was felt that more research was needed considering some of the initial assumptions might not have been correct.

- 6) Liaison Reports

- a) SEBRSC – Ed Sproul

No new information, still working on the budget.

- b) DPHS Building Committee – Mary Braney

The committee voted to use the NE-CHIPS method versus the LEEDS method concerning energy savings in the new school design.

c) CIPC – Chris Woodbury

The first meeting was held for this year. There are about \$ 3-4 million in capital requests.

7) Town Administrator Report

a) FY 2023 Budget update

Budget planning is still in process. Will be ready for presentation at the next meeting.

b) ARPA request for suggestions for allocation of funds

There have been eighty responses to the survey so far. More to follow.

8) Consider reducing Finance Committee size from 11 to 9 (requires ATM vote)

After a discussion it was felt that we should leave the size of the committee the same for now.

9) Any other: None

10) Adjourn: 8:35 pm

Charles O'Connor made the motion and Paul McLaughlin seconded. On a roll call vote all were in favor.

Next Finance Committee meeting March 15, 2022

Mar. 15, 2022: **Finance Committee - Joint with Board of Selectmen – 7PM:** Budget Presentations from Fire, Police, Parks & Rec, BPRVTHS

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, TransferStation), 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 4days before ATM)

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
William J Wall, Jr

