

**Town of Sterling
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2019
Butterick Building, Room 201**

Committee Chairman Joe Sova called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

In Attendance:

Joe Sova, Mary Cliett, Everett Heller, Todd Chapman, and Steve Staudaher
Also in Attendance: Selectman Richard Lane and Arden Sonnenberg

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Steve Staudaher made a motion to approve minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting and Todd Chapman seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Review Updated Budget Items, if available:

Selectman Lane commented that the Recreation Department will submit and sponsor the warrant article for the repair to the tennis/pickleball courts. Other options for the repair may be reviewed and reported on at town meeting. Other Rec Department projects, such as repair to fields, have not been developed at this time. During discussion on this topic, Arden Sonnenberg, Chairman of the Master Plan committee, suggested that strategic planning would be a better way to manage the request.

Everett Heller made a motion to defer this article to town meeting. No vote was taken as this was previously voted on at the March 18 meeting, which was to defer to town meeting.

Richard Lane, Chairman of the Earth Removal Bylaw Review Committee, spoke to members regarding recent changes in the wording of the Bylaw Article - Amendment to Protective Bylaw. These changes provide necessary clarification to the bylaw. After discussion, Todd Chapman made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend support of this article and Everett Heller seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Lane also spoke on a companion earth removal bylaw, which was just recently crafted. After his explanation, Steve Staudaher made a motion that FinCom recommend support of this article and Everett Heller seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Review Debt Schedule:

Chairman Sova noted a review of the debt schedule will be part of a slide show presentation at the town meeting.

Reserve Fund Transfer, Library:

The Library Director withdrew the request for a reserve fund transfer at this time.

Other Committee Business:

None

Set Next Meeting Date:

Mr. Sova scheduled the next meeting for April 8, 2019, at 6:00 PM.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Staudaher and seconded by Mary Cliett. All in favor, motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.