

**Finance Committee Meeting
July 16, 2013
Butterick Building Room 205**

Members in attendance: Robert Brown, Mary Cliett, Barbara Bartlett, Joseph Sova, and Town Administrator, Terri Ackerman. None Absent. (Three vacant seats.)

Robert Brown called meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Approve Minutes

Committee reviewed minutes of June 18, 2013 Finance Committee Meeting. Motion to approve made by Mary Cliett, seconded by Robert Brown. Three in favor, one abstained (Joe Sova) as he was not in attendance at that meeting.

Public Comments

Mike Rivers was in attendance, and requested an amendment be made to the Minutes of the March 26th Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Rivers proposed a change in writing, and gave a copy to the Clerk and to Robert Brown. Mr. Brown stated that the Committee would review the proposed amendment and discuss at the next scheduled meeting.

Elect Finance Committee Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Clerk

Due to the decision of the current Board of Selectmen to not reappoint John Kilcoyne to the Finance Committee, the unanimous vote to elect him Chair at the previous FinCom meeting, became null and void.

Joe Sova moved to elect Robert Brown as Chairman. Second by Barbara Bartlett. Vote is unanimous, all in favor.

Barbara Bartlett moved to elect Joe Sova as Vice-Chairman. Mary Cliett seconds. Vote is unanimous, all in favor.

As the Clerk position was not affected by the Selectmen's decision, it was agreed that Barbara Bartlett would remain Clerk.

Adopt a Streetlight

In a memo dated May 14, 2013 from Sean Hamilton, Sterling Municipal Light Department, it was proposed that the town assume responsibility for the 34 streetlights in town that had been "adopted" by residents in town who are currently paying to keep them on each month. The cost to the town to take on

these 34 lights would be \$1,423.00/year. Joseph Sova moves to increase the FY15 Budget to be voted at ATM 2014 to include the shift of fiscal responsibility of those 34 streetlights from the individual residents of the town, to the Town of Sterling. Second by Mary Cliett. All in favor.

WRSD request to move Annual Town Meeting up One Week (Earlier)

The Wachusett Regional School District requested, and the Board of Selectmen agreed, that the Town of Sterling move the date of their Annual Town Meeting up one week (to May 5th). The purpose is to have the election on the same day as the four other towns in the district so that they can close the schools for voting. Board of Selectmen would like to move the whole calendar up one week, and are informing the Finance Committee of this now to keep in mind when preparing the new budget calendar.

FINCOM / CAPCOM Position on the 1835 Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen would like to know the Finance and Capital Committee's position on the 1835 Town Hall, as this is an agenda item for their 7/17/13 Meeting. After discussing the options for the building, the consensus was that at this point, the building should be MAINTAINED only.

Other Committee Business

Barbara Bartlett moved that Joseph Sova become Chair Robert Brown's "Alternate" over the summer, for emergencies, etc. Joseph Sova seconded. All in favor.

Next Meeting: October 1, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn: Joseph Sova. Second: Mary Cliett. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.