

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 4, 2011

5:45 p.m.

Hampden Town Office

1. Review Minutes of 3/21/3011
2. Warrants for Signature
3. Old Business
 - a. Alewife Fishery – 2011
- ~~4. New Business~~
5. Public Comment
6. Committee Member Comments

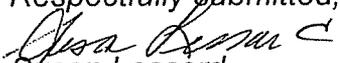
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 21, 2011

Attending:

Councilor Janet Hughes
Councilor Andre Cushing
Councilor Jean Lawlis
Councilor Kristen Hornbrook
Councilor Tom Brann
Councilor William Shakespeare
Town Manager Susan Lessard
Interested Citizens

1. Review Minutes of 3/7/3011 – Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Hughes to approve the minutes. No objections raised.
2. Review Warrants for Payment – Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Shakespeare to approve the warrants. No objections raised.
3. Financial Statements – 2/28/2011 – The Town Manager reviewed the financial statements for the month ending February 28, 2011. She noted that accounts were in good standing in both revenues and expenses heading into the final third of the year. She also explained that although this is a low point in the financial year since it is right before tax due date – the Town still is in a very healthy fiscal state and has no need for tax anticipation borrowing.
4. Old Business - None
5. New Business
 - a. Draft 2011/2012 Budget Hearing Schedule - Councilor Hornbrook noted that the first budget meeting on the schedule was for May 9th and a Services Committee meeting was already scheduled for that date. It was the consensus of the Finance Committee to change the budget date to the 10th.
6. Public Comment - None
7. Committee Member Comments
Councilor Shakespeare noted that the Town Manager had indicated that she would not be providing refreshments for Finance Committee meetings due to the increased level of attendance of the general public at meetings and her concern that it was not possible to provide such for everyone. Committee members discussed the rationale for such provision – some of which involved staff that stayed from the normal work day directly to a meeting without a break. Motion by Councilor Shakespeare, seconded by Councilor Cushing to stop the practice of providing food at Finance Committee meetings. Vote 4-0-2 (Brann, Lawlis. It was noted that Councilors are free to 'brown bag' it at Finance Committee meetings if they wish.

Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Cushing to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lessard
Town Manager