

# Town of Fairhaven

## Finance Committee

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Minutes of the meeting for <May 2, 2013>at the Elizabeth Hastings Middle School,  
30 School St., Fairhaven, MA

Members in attendance:

Chairman-John Roderiques, Robert A. Furtado, Scott Fernandes, Kim Hyland,  
Kathi Carter, Therese Szala, Colin Veitch, Dawn Devlin, Sid Martin, Phil Washko, Padraic Elliot

Town of Fairhaven:

Jeffery Osuch- Executive secretary, joined meeting @ 6:04 PM

Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Chairman has to be notified if anyone present is recording the meeting by video or audio.

Motion made by Scott to accept the minutes from April 25, 2013. Seconded by Sid.

Vote: Unanimous

- Chairman passes around a bill, for postage for the Fin Com booklet for Town Meeting, for members to initial.
- Chairman notifies the committee that Colin will not be seeking reappointment to the Finance Committee after Town Meeting, for personal reasons. The committee thanks Colin for his efforts.
- Chairman discusses the FY 14 Legal budget with the committee:
  - At this time, it does not appear that there will be enough left in the Legal budget to finish the year.
  - Chairman asks if the committee would prefer to do a Reserve Fund Transfer or add it to Article #1 of the Special TM. The committee prefers to do it through the STM.
  - Mr. Osuch recommends the figure of \$5,000.
    - Scott motions to recommend \$5,000 for part 3. Legal Expenses, of Article #1 of the STM. Seconded by Sid. Vote: Unanimous
- Chairman states that the Clerical Union has settled, but not in time to have it appear on this Town Meeting.

- Discussion of Article #4-DOR Recommendations, on the STM:
  - Scott motions to Recommend Indefinite Postponement for 4a, 4b, 4c. Seconded by Sid. Vote: Unanimous
  
- Discussion of Article #5 Combining the Position of Town Treasurer and Collector:
  - Discussion for and against the Article.
  - At this time, not adopting the Article could be more costly than adopting it.
  - It could be changed if the Government Study Article is approved, and has that recommendation.
  - Scott motions for Recommend Adoption for Article #5. Seconded by Sid. Vote: Unanimous
  
- CPC Committee is passing over Article #9b Rogers School Study.
  
- Discussion of Highway, Sewer, and Water contracts:

6:23 PM. Sid states that Teamsters Local 59 are picketing his place of employment. He has contacted the State Ethics Commission, and advised them of the situation. They state that he can participate and vote as long as he files an Appearance of Conflict with the Town Clerk, which he has done.

- Committee continues the contract discussion from last meeting. Will wait until Saturday morning to vote.
  
- Kim motions to adjourn @ 6:35 PM. Seconded by Scott. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert A. Furtado  
 Finance Committee Secretary

(accepted 5-4-2013)