# Town of Bourne Finance Committee

# Meeting Minutes

Bourne High School, Professional Library, 75 Waterhouse Rd, Bourne, MA 02532

May 4, 2015

1. Call to order

Ms. Mastrangelo called to order the regular meeting of the Finance Committee at 6:05 PM.

1. Roll call

**Members Present:** Mary Jane Mastrangelo, John Redman (arrived 6:35), Michele Ford, Jeff Perry, Brian Lemee´, Judy Conron, George Slade, William G. Scotti III, William Towne, Richard Lavoie, Christine Crane, and Kathleen LeGacy (arrived 6:15).

Documents – Final Motions, Article 5 Motion, Article Tracker, Articles of the Warrant Handbook.

1. Agenda Items
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting -

Mr. Scotti III motioned to accept the Minutes from the 4/27/15 meeting. Mr. Towne seconded. With no discussion, the Minutes were accepted Vote 10-0.

1. Reserve Fund Transfer – No Transfers
2. Discuss and vote ATM and STM Articles as needed
3. Vote essential and contingent articles – Ms. Mastrangelo offered a brief description then entertained a Motion to accept Articles 1-9 as essential. Mr. Lavoie motioned to accept Articles 1-9 as essential. Ms. Ford seconded. With no discussion, the Motion was approved 10-0.
4. ATM Article 20 – Ms. Mastrangelo explained that this is the Zoning Article. She asked the members to refer to the Motions handout and read the Motion. Mr. Slade offered an explanation of the Motion to the committee. Ms. Mastrangelo added to the discussion and offered an explanation of the amended Motion. Ms. Ford requested something more straightforward. Ms. Mastrangelo stated that if the committee votes to indefinitely postpone this Article, then it can be amended and be presented again in the fall. If however the Motion is presented the Zoning Article has to pass by 2/3. If it is defeated, it cannot be presented again for two years. A brief discussion transpired. Ms. Mastrangelo entertained a Motion to indefinitely postpone Article 20. Ms. Ford motioned to indefinitely postpone Article 20. Mr. Perry seconded. The Motion passed with one abstention. 10-0-1. (Ms. LeGacy abstained)
5. ATM Article 3 – Deferred
6. Any other ATM and STM Articles requiring discussion and vote – Ms. Mastrangelo explained that there is a slight adjustment to the Capital Article Motion.
7. Distribute Final Motions and Verbal Comments – Ms. Mastrangelo reviewed the process of how each committee member will present their assigned Articles to the voters.
8. TA Comment – No TA Comment.
9. Selectmen Comment – No Selectmen Comment
10. Finance Committee Comment – No Finance Committee Comment
11. Public Comment – No Public Comment
12. Future Agenda Items – Finance Committee will meet sometime in June to have a debriefing of Town Meeting and a July closeout meeting.

While waiting for the vote of the Board of Selectmen, there was an informal discussion among the members of the FinCom concerning the possibility of an override, budget deficits, also the possibility of a voter amending the Budget from the floor, turn backs, Meals Tax revenue and Special Town Meeting.

Selectmen Meier brought in the results of the Board of Selectmen’s vote. Ms. Mastrangelo read their decision. She explained that they’ve broken it into two Motions.

1. The Board of Selectmen support putting an override question for the voter’s consideration to be presented to the voters in the fall of 2015. Vote 4-1.

2. Move that if an override question in the fall of 2015 fails, the selectmen will recommend a reduction in the FY 16 budget by at least an amount required to bring Free Cash up to the Town’s financial policy. Vote 3-2.

Finance Committee will make a positive Motion.

1. Adjournment:

Mr. Redman moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ford seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Carol Mitchell