

MINUTES
Budget/Finance Committee Meeting
For Town and School Budgets
Monday, March 9, 1998

ATTENDANCE: Rolf Olsen, Chairman; Phil Hamilton; Louise Murray; Royce Moore; Louise Lester; Neil Southwick; Jane Jordan; Howard Williams; and Nathan Poore, Town Manager.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Rolf Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.
2. Minutes
 - a. September 23, 1997
 - b. November 11, 1997
 - c. December 8, 1997
 - d. January 19, 1998
 - e. January 26, 1998

MOTION: Neil Southwick motioned to approve the Minutes of September 23, 1997 through January 19, 1998 as written. Seconded by Howard Williams.

VOTE: Unanimous.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hamilton asked that a correction be made on the January 26, 1998 minutes in the wording that Charles Murray voted on the purchase of the fire truck and that Phil Hamilton said that he couldn't vote according to Robert's Rules Of Order and that there weren't 5 votes in favor to purchase and that the vote should have failed. Mr. Williams said that because the Town Attorney rewrote the article we voted on the new article at the next meeting. Mr. Olsen indicated that the vote was that the Budget Committee defeated the vote to "recommend". It was that there would be no recommendation but not "not to recommend". He said that Robert's Rules was followed.

Mr. Hamilton felt the their policy should be very clear. Mr. Olsen's belief was that it's important to have a recommendation for or against an issue.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Neil Southwick motioned to approve the Minutes of January 26, 1998. Seconded by Jane Jordan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Olsen allowed that Mr. Hamilton could revisit the issue of voting procedure at a future meeting. Mr. Poore apologized to Mr. Moore about the fact that his name was inadvertently left off the list for Budget Committee members in the Town Report. He added that if any member wanted an audit report he would provide one. He added that the added articles for Town Meeting would be to accept a five-year contract with P & K Sand and Gravel for plowing and to accept and expend any Federal assistance money coming Raymond's way. Raymond is now paying out of the special storm account. He added that the Town is at 66% of the budget expended, which is right on schedule. He continued that the Selectmen are studying a TIF district which would be the pipeline and commercial district on Rt. 302. This money would be used for Rt. 302 enhancements and some CIP items. Mrs. Jordan questioned the sale of the fire truck to Frye Island. Mr. Poore said there was no guarantee of sale but their word only at this point. He added that they are working on a mutual aide agreement and the truck will be a part of that. He said he would try to get a written acknowledgement. There was

discussion of the timing of the vote to accept the P & K contract and decided to wait until it comes to them in writing.

MOTION: Neil Southwick motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Howard Williams.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Rolf Olsen adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.