

**Finance Committee  
Minutes of June 1, 2015**

Present for the Finance Committee meeting was: Chairman Louise Tremblay, Vice Chair Helen Hamel, Bob Corey, Ed Pitta, Gerald D'Avolio and John Zimini. Also present were: Ann Vandal, Assistant Town Manager/Finance and Recording Secretary Samantha Carver. The meeting was held at 1560 Lakeview Avenue, Dracut High School.

Absent: Joseph Herlihy

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Vandal began the discussion by stating when the Town Meeting was advertised it was supposed to state in the ad Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting however Special Town Meeting did not get in the ad so it will be postponed to another date. Ms. Vandal stated that it's been properly posted just not advertised. The Committee can vote on the article tonight rather than reconvene before the Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Zimini asked about Article 1 and whether this was relative to transportation for the School Department. Ms. Vandal stated yes for FY15 for \$240,000. There was a brief discussion about another free cash request to come later from the School Department for \$200,000.

Mr. Zimini was not in favor of voting for the use of free cash which will not be reimbursed. He stated you will always be playing catch up if this occurs.

Ms. Vandal reported that this is a result of the School Department receiving energy rebates from National Grid on the High School Project and reimbursing the Town for a free cash transfer to their budget.

The article is for \$240,000. Mr. Zimini commented that he is not in favor of using free cash that is not reimbursed it's a bad precedent to get into however this free cash will be reimbursed with the energy rebate checks on the High School project.

The Committee discussed the School Department approving raises for the School Department when they're in a deficit and decided that was a discussion for another time.

Mr. D'Avolio made a motion to approve Special Town Meeting Article 1 to appropriate a sum of money (\$240,000) from free cash. Mr. Pitta seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the minutes of May 26, 2015 as presented. Ms. Hamel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

Ms. Hamel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Mr. D'Avolio seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Denise Tremblay;  
Edward Pito  
Ben Hamel

Arthur Camp  
Joseph De Carlo Jr

Absent: Joseph Herlihy