

Fin Com
Jun 2 2014

**Finance Committee
Minutes of June 2, 2014**

Present for the Finance Committee meeting was: Louise Tremblay, George Dristiliaris, Helen Hamel, Dave L'Heureux, Michele Green and John Zimini. Also present was: Recording Secretary Samantha Carver. The meeting was held at the Library at the Junior High School at Lakeview Avenue, Dracut, MA.

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Mr. Dristiliaris wanted to re-discuss Article #4 of the Town Meeting Warrant Articles on the stipends for the Moderator, the Selectmen and the School Committee. He stated that he has been thinking about this and that the Town is always looking for money and thought that this adds up to about \$18,500 which could be used in other places.

Mr. Zimini who is the newly appointed member on the Committee and former Selectman stated that when he was a Selectman he felt that it was part of the job to have to go different functions and not depend on the stipend and he did not take the stipend offered by the Town especially when the Town was in a shortfall and looking for other income sources.

The Committee discussed the previous motion from the meeting of May 12, 2014 when the Town Meeting articles were reviewed and voted upon. Article 4 was discussed and a motion had been made to approve this article. The Recording Secretary noted that if the Committee is considering changing their motion they would have to rescind the motion from the May 12, 2014 meeting.

Ms. Green made a motion to rescind the action taken to approve Article 4 made at the May 12, 2014 meeting. Mr. L'Heureux seconded the motion. The motion carried with John Zimini abstaining because he was not on the Committee on May 12, 2014.

Mr. Dristiliaris made a motion to amend Article 4 to strike the salaries of elected officials to zero. Ms. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

The Moderator Mr. Leo Gaudette came into the meeting at 6:57 p.m. to discuss Article 28 which was the Article the Finance Committee tabled at their May 12, 2014 meeting for discussion tonight. Mr. Gaudette explained that under Article 28 Article 6 Section 6 regarding the money article in excess of \$500 he stated that a sentence has been added that removes the power of the voters (the legislative body) by inserting words to the effect that if an article does not receive a favorable report from the Finance Committee the Moderator must rule it out of order. He had asked for this article to be reviewed by Town Counsel. In having it reviewed, he stated they will be recommending a motion to dismiss on the floor for this article.

The Finance Committee took no action on Article 28 Article 6 Section 6 once this explanation was put forth by Mr. Gaudette.

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The Committee reviewed the minutes of May 12, 2014 as presented. Mr. L'Heureux made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Dristiliaris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Mr. Zimini abstaining from the vote due to not being on the Committee for the May 12, 2014 meeting.

Adjourn

Mr. Dristiliaris made a motion to adjourn to the town meeting at 7:14 p.m. Mr. Zimini seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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