

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

## Minutes

July 31, 2017

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rich Buley, Chairman  
Robert Horacek, Vice-Chairman  
Terry Mish  
Dick Condron  
Art Pinell  
Linda Bathel  
Sheila Chamberlin

### MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Melinda Wingate, Assistant Town Accountant  
Chris Pratt, Chairman Conservation Commission  
Dennis Clark  
Greg Fitzpatrick

The Finance Committee was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on September 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

### 6:05 p.m. Appointments: Chris Pratt, Chairman Conservation Commission re: ATM Pros and Cons:

The Finance Committee invited C. Pratt, Chairman of the Conservation to address and discuss his letter that was drafted to the Select Board and Attorney General regarding the Pros and Cons of Article 17 North Pond Land at the Annual Town Meeting. A. Pinell reviewed and clarified the concerns in Mr. Pratt's letter. There was discussion back and forth outlining the bullet points in the Conservation Commission's Memo.

- It was determined that the Finance Committee Heading will be placed on the Pros and Cons moving forward, it was on the Town's website but not on the informational packets at Town Meeting.
- Under the Powers and duties of the Finance Committee it was voted on at Special Town Meeting on 5/15/2007 the FinCom write a one paragraph summary of the article as well as the pros and cons of each article.
- There will be better communication with Boards, Committees and Commissions.
- The Finance Committee asked Mr. Pratt to consider writing a letter of retraction addressed to the Select Board and Attorney General.

### Public Comments:

Resident spoke about new growth vs completed project approvals.

### Old Business:

None

**New Business:**

The Finance Committee will be having more interaction with Town Hall Committees, Boards, and Commissions.

**A MOTION** was made by R. Horacek, seconded by T. Mish (Vote: Yes: 5; Abstain: 2 L.B. S.C.) to approve the minutes of May 4, 2017 as amended.

**A MOTION** was made by R. Horacek, seconded by A. Pinell (Vote: Unanimous) to draft a rebuttal letter to the Conservation Commission if they don't retract to the Select Board and Attorney General. The Finance Committee would like to know the dates of the next Conservation Committee meeting. See attached letter.

**A MOTION** was made by R. Horacek, seconded by L. Bathel (Vote: Unanimous) to adjourn at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Solek Secretary, Finance Committee

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Rich Buley, Chairman