

Moderator's Quarterly Report: 9-1-2022

Thank you for visiting the first Moderator's Quarterly Report. My goal for this report is to keep citizen's current on the doings of the Town Moderator. As an active member of the Massachusetts Moderator Association, I will attend the annual conference this November.

I would like to use this report to inform citizens of changes to the Finance Committee in which I appoint. This fiscal year we had 2 members up for reappointment, Art Pinnell who did not seek reappointment and David Methe who chose to move into a vacant role as an associate member instead of being reappointed as a regular member. Three residents completed the application process. Joseph Deedy and RJ Horacek joined the committee as regular members. Terry Mish resigned his position as a regular member and Dr. Richard Zalowski, an active associate member, will move into the role of a regular member. The third applicant has been invited to join the Finance Committee as an associate member and is completing the process with the Town Clerk.

We, as a town, were very fortunate to have 3 very qualified applicants to fill these 3 vacancies. They will join the other Finance Committee 6 members, 5 regulars and 1 associate making a full committee of 7 regular members and 2 associate members. I would like to remind citizens that the Finance Committee is a recommending body in Massachusetts, they appoint their own Chair and Vice Chair, and have a site with more information and recorded meetings. I have a tremendous amount of confidence and respect for all members and hope you all have the opportunity to see the great work they do in recommending the Annual Budget which is approved by voters at the Annual Town Meeting.

Any questions regarding the role of the Moderator can be directed to me at st.jacques@southwickma.net

Thank You,

Celeste St. Jacques

Town Moderator