

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath Finance Committee
January 18, 2024 @ 6:30 pm
The atrium, 18 Jacobs Road

Present: Tom Lively (Chair), Will Emmet, Bob McGahan, Alice Wozniak and Ned Wolf

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:31.

Minutes

Members read the minutes of the December 21st Finance Committee Meeting. Will made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

FY25 Budget Letter

Tom said that the due date for FY25 Budget requests from department heads has been changed from January 18 to January 25.

Finance Committee FY25 Budget

Members discussed the Finance Committee Budget FY2024 as it appears on the spreadsheet that Hilma sent to members. There are just 2 line items:

Reserve Fund	\$4000
Finance Committee Expenses	\$150

Action Taken *Alice moved that the amount for the Reserve Fund in the FY2025 Budget be reduced to \$3500 while the amount for Finance Committee Expenses be kept at \$150. The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

Tom said he will visit MMA.org, the website of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, to see what information there may be about what a dues paying Finance Committee can expect to receive. Ned will try to find out whether mail for the Heath Finance Committee is still being addressed to him.

Letter about Salt Shed to Select Board

Members discussed drafts of a Memo from the Finance Committee to the Select Board requesting a joint meeting to discuss a possible plan to move forward on a new salt shed.

Action Taken *Will moved that the Finance Committee's recommended changes be made*

to the first draft of their letter to the Select Board about options for building a new salt shed and that there be a request for a joint meeting to discuss the options and see whether we can agree on a plan to move forward. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Review of Audit Report for Year Ending June 20, 2021

Ned mentioned that recommendation #6 in Tom Scanlon's report calls for an accounting of the Town's capital assets. Alice said that it appears that Heath has properties that are not being managed. How many properties does Heath own? Will any auctions be scheduled? Members expressed interest in Steve Thane's list of town properties as one part of a listing of assets.

Scheduled Budget Meetings with Select Board: Feb. 13 & 27
March 12 & 27
April 9 & 23
May 11 ATM

Will moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05. Alice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf