

There was a consensus to do what is needed so that next year we are certified with a positive amount of Free Cash.

The FinCom acknowledged a view that a new or used half-ton truck is needed for dirt roads and general cleanup. Members expressed interest in participating in budget hearings. Wendy has volunteered to be the FinCom liaison to the Highway Department.

At 6:15 the FinCom joined the Select Board in the cafeteria.

Dena expressed interest in having more of the information needed to form a budget. Hilma suggested that she request of Town Clerk Mary Sumner read only permission to the DLS Gateway.

The Select Board wants us to participate in budget hearings and will give us notice for which hearings are occurring when, and they will schedule them as close to, but after 5:30 pm so that we can attend.

- The Select Board wants the Finance Committee to figure out how to create a FY26 Budget and an ATM Warrant so that next year at this time there is a positive Free Cash balance.
- We need to review how the losses occurred and make a plan that accounts for the possibility of recurrence.
- We should estimate property assessments at the low end when we anticipate the tax rate.

Dena told the Select Board of Wendy's serving as the FinCom's liaison to the Highway Department.

The FinCom returned to the atrium.

**Date of Next FinCom Meeting: Tuesday, February 4 at 5:30** After meeting with the Select Board we will have our own discussion of FY 26 budget requests.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 6:50. Dena seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ned Wolf