

Minutes of the Heath Finance Committee
April 3, 2025 at 6 PM
Jacobs Road Municipal Building

Present: Dena Briggs (Chair), Alice Wozniak, Bob McGahan, Wendy Whalen, and Ned Wolf

Dena called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

Alice spoke of having talked by phone with Highway Superintendent Tyson Howard about the Highway Department's FY26 proposed budget. There is agreement on these corrections:

Account #

01-5-423-000	Salary Winter Hwy. Wages	\$22,440.00
01-5-423-009	Salary Winter Temp. Help	\$5,000.00

The FinCom recommends that Legal Fees be \$35,000 as voted at our March 25th meeting. The FinCom is unanimous in recommending Broadband Debt be \$100,000.

- Action Taken** *Wendy moved that the Finance Committee recommends the following:*
- 1. Fund the Salt Shed using \$84,874 from the \$100,000 voted in Article 16 at the FY25 ATM, \$38,873 from ARPA, and \$196,253 from Chap 90 money.*
 - 2. Use a warrant article to borrow \$111,000 for the F550 truck.*
 - 3. Use \$210,000 of Chap 90 money for road repairs to Colrain Stage Rd and \$25,000 of Chap 90 money for East Main St.*

Dena seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Additional recommendations include using some portion of Chap 90 funds for Number Nine Rd. but leave \$100,000 for unanticipated needs and FY27. Make Sumner Stetson Rd. a priority for FY27. Seek a grant for the paving of the parking lot of the Jacobs Road Municipal Building.

- Action Taken** *Wendy moved that the Finance Committee recommends a warrant article to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the Town Coordinator transition. Dena seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

- Action Taken** *Bob moved to recommend that the name 'Special Projects' be changed to the names of the particular projects. Wendy seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

The FinCom agreed that Health Insurance and FICA/Medicare Empl. Match

should be budgeted enough for new hires to choose a family plan. An extra family plan could be needed in turnover.

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Members read the minutes of the March 25th Finance Committee meeting. Alice moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Dena seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dena will send members a list of the FinCom's recommendations in preparation for meeting with the Select Board next Tuesday, April 8. Ned will compare with his notes.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 8 at 6 PM.

Ned moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55. Wendy seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Ned Wolf