

Minutes of the Heath Finance Committee
March 26, 2026, at 6:00 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 6:00.

Members read the minutes of the February 25 FinCom meeting. Alice moved that the minutes be approved as written. Wendy seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Members read the minutes of the March 10 FinCom meeting. Alice moved that the minutes be approved with edits. Wendy seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Line Item Review of Budget (as of March 26, 2026)

The Assessor's Expenses line, which is now proposed to be \$17,250, needs to be adjusted for moving to the Cloud.

The FinCom has questions about the line Sawyer Hall-Maint./Util. How is the arithmetic of the 14.69% increase explained in terms of eliminating the payphone?

Is the \$35,000 appropriated for FY26 to cover Legal Fees sufficient?

The FinCom needs more explanation of the proposed increase in the Building Maintenance Coordinator's salary. How will the proposed increase in hours be spent?

The FinCom recommends dropping the explanatory note for the line 'Ins/Prop/Casualty/Workers.

Are the proposed stipends the Select Board's decision for FY27?

The FinCom favors more clarity regarding the funding of projects such as those that have come under the heading 'Special Projects'.

Review of ATM Warrant (as of March 26, 2026)

The FinCom is not in favor of the late bus and asks whether Article 9 is needed?

The FinCom questions whether Article 13 is the best way to fund the Assessor's software?

Proposed Increase in Budget

The FinCom notes that the proposed increase is approaching 8% and thinks that is too high.

How can the increase be reduced to 5%?

Mapping Money Coming In

Eliminating the revolving funds for the Municipal Building and for Heath Center will mean that rental income will go into the general fund. The total for rental income in a given fiscal year will appear on page 3 of the Tax Recap sheet.

Possible Collaborating with Rowe on School Costs

Bob will try to contact a member of the Rowe Finance Committee about this matter.

Date of Next Meeting: The next FinCom meeting is Tuesday, March 31 at 5:30 PM. We will join the Select Board meeting at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf