

Finance Committee Meeting
 Larkin Hall, Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies
 Called to Order: Date-Thurs., 2/19/2009, Time-10:05 am

Membership:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Thomas Coen, Chair |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ruth Gilbert, Vice Chair |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Robert Vetrick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Virginia Ross |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Thomas Thurston (P@afternoon session,E@morning session) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Walt Winnowski |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Frederic Biddle |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Philip Gaudiano |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ann Maguire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Gabrielle Hanna, Alternate |
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Also Present:

Alex Heilala, Finance Director

P. Sowers, Member of the Press

A. Germain, Recycle Committee

Afternoon session:

Sharon Lynn, Town Manger

State Representative Sarah Peake

Order of Business:

1. To review and discuss the status of the FY10 budget.
2. To review or re-consider other Division budgets as time permits.
3. To consider minutes of previous meetings as time permits.
4. To consider any other business that may legally come before the Finance Committee.

Note; Meeting minutes are presented in brief format, for discussion relating to specific topics, please refer to PTV- DVD recorded session 2/19/2009.

Topic: Dept. #432 Recycling & Renewable Energy Committee-

Presented by A. Germain, Committee member

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| Motion # 1: To recommend budget #432 Recycling & Renewable Energy Committee in the amount of \$2,000. |
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| Motion By: A. Maguire | Second By: W. Winnowski |
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| For: 7 | Against: 0 | Abstain: 0 | Recuse: 0 |
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Topic: Dept. #310 Cape Cod Regional Technical HS-

Presented by A. Heilala, Finance Director

Note: To be presented in the afternoon session.

Topic: Transfer Requests, Finance Committee’s Reserve Fund-

Presented by A. Heilala, Finance Director

1. Dept. #543-Veteran’s Services- Transfer request amount \$7,000.
Note: Request to have the committee’s chairmen, Sidney Chase, appear before the committee for further explanation.
2. Dept. #136-Information Services- Transfer request amount \$11,378.
Note: Request if for new file server, further detail to be presented in the afternoon session.

Topic: Dept. #630 Recreation Department-

Committee Discussion, unresolved issues:

- BOS has zeroed funded this department, moving it to a 2 ½ override item. Does Fin Com recommend at zero funding ?
- Does Fin Com “call back” Recreation Dept. ?

(Adjourn for lunch - 10:48)

(Reconvene for afternoon session - 1:01)

Topic: Status of the Commonwealth’s Budget Process-
Presented by State Representative Sarah Peake

Issues briefly touched upon:

- Commonwealth’s budget process.
- New leadership & its affect on the budget process.
- Legislative process regarding new revenue sources.
- Lottery Formula as it relates to Provincetown & new revenue sources.
- Health Care.
- Stimulus dollars at it relates to “shovel ready” projects.
- Regionalization.
- Proposed gas tax increases vs. Mass Turnpike toll increases.
- Commonwealth’s bond rating.

Topic: Dept. #310 Cape Cod Regional Technical HS-
Presented by A. Heilala, Finance Director

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| <u>Motion # 2:</u> To recommend budget #310 Cape Cod Regional Technical HS in the amount of \$82,169. | | | |
| Motion By: R. Vetrick | | Second By: A. Maguire | |
| For: 8 | Against: 0 | Abstain: 0 | Recuse: 0 |

Topic: Dept. #136 Information Services Transfer Request in the amount of \$11,378 from Finance Committee’s Reserve Fund-
Presented by A. Heilala, Finance Director

Note: This request relates to a new file server with supporting documentation being presented.

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| <u>Motion # 3:</u> To transfer from Fin Com’s Reserve Fund the amount of \$11,378 for the purchase of a new file server. | | | |
| Motion By: R. Gilbert | | Second By: A. Maguire | |
| For: 8 | Against: 0 | Abstain: 0 | Recuse: 0 |

Topic: Status of the Town’s Budget Gap-

Presented by S. Lynn, Town Manager

Issues briefly touched upon:

- Energy related issues, adjusting for an over budgeting on oil may help.
- The availability of VSB funds (2/23 BOS meeting should resolve this).
- Possibility of positions being cut.
- Unions not willing to cooperate during this fiscal crisis.

Topic: School System-

Discussion:

- Current enrollment numbers.
- Truro tuition reimbursement.
- School budget cuts.

Topic: General Discussion-

- Oil & gas budget issues by town building still to be reviewed.
- Police Dept & DPW still to be “called back”.
- School Budget still to be reviewed.
- Fin Com’s final recommendation on Dept. #630 Recreation Dept.

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| Next Meeting: | Tuesday, February 24, 2009 |
| Adjourn: | 2:42 pm |
| Minutes by: | W. Winnowski |

Approved by *Thomas Coen*
Thomas Coen, Chair

on March 30, 2009