

Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 30, 2009
4:00 pm

The Rice Library at the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies
Called to Order: 4:03 pm

Membership:

P	E	U	Name	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thomas Coen, Chair	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruth Gilbert, Vice Chair	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Vetrick	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Virginia Ross	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thomas Thurston	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walter Winnowski	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frederic Biddle	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Philip Gaudiano	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ann Maguire	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gabrielle Hanna, Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voting
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Open), Alternate	<input type="checkbox"/> Voting

(**Note: P** = Present **E** = Excused **U** = Unexcused)

Also Present:

Barbara Rushmore, Citizen

Order of Business:

1. To elect the Chair and Vice Chair for the next year.
2. To consider the minutes of prior meetings.
3. To consider any other business that may legally come before the Finance Committee.

Election of Officers

Mr. Coen asked the Committee for nominations for Chair for the next term.

Motion # 1: To nominate Thomas Coen for Chair.			
Motion By: Ann Maguire		Second By: Walter Winnowski	
For: 5	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Recuse:

Mr. Coen then asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Motion # 2: To nominate Ann Maguire for Vice-Chair.			
Motion By: Gabrielle Hanna		Second By: Frederic Biddle	
For: 5	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Recuse:

Minutes

Mr. Coen asked the Committee whether it should consider using a professional secretary to take the minutes of its meetings, particularly during budget hearings. The sense of the Committee is that having a member take minutes is too onerous, especially during budget hearings. It also prevents the member from fully participating in the meeting

Motion # 3: To hire a professional secretary to take minutes, using our established format, for budget hearings, public hearings and other meetings as necessary.			
Motion By: Ann Maguire		Second By: Walter Winnowski	
For: 5	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Recuse:

The Committee then reviewed the minutes of prior meetings.

Motion # 4: To accept the minutes of March 15, 2008 as amended.			
Motion By: Walter Winnowski		Second By: Thomas Coen	
For: 2	Against: 0	Abstain: 3	Recuse:

Motion # 5: To accept the minutes of April 25, 2008 as presented.			
Motion By: Walter Winnowski		Second By: Frederic Biddle	
For: 3	Against: 0	Abstain: 2	Recuse:

Motion # 6: To accept the minutes of July 14, 2008 (4:00 pm meeting) as amended.			
Motion By: Walter Winnowski		Second By: Frederic Biddle	
For: 3	Against: 0	Abstain: 2	Recuse:

Motion # 7: To accept the minutes of July 14, 2008 (5:00 pm meeting) as amended.			
Motion By: Walter Winnowski		Second By: Frederic Biddle	
For: 3	Against: 0	Abstain: 2	Recuse:

Motion # 8: To accept the minutes of August 28, 2008 as amended.			
Motion By: Gabrielle Hanna		Second By: Frederic Biddle	
For: 3	Against: 0	Abstain: 2	Recuse:

Motion # 9: To accept the minutes of October 14, 2008 as presented.			
Motion By: Frederic Biddle		Second By: Ann Maguire	
For: 4	Against: 0	Abstain: 1	Recuse:

Motion # 10: To accept the minutes of November 6, 2008 as presented.			
Motion By: Walter Winnowski		Second By: Ann Maguire	
For: 5	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Recuse:

Motion # 11: To accept the minutes of November 17, 2008 as presented.			
Motion By: Ann Maguire		Second By: Gabrielle Hanna	
For: 5	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Recuse:

Motion # 12: To accept the minutes of March 7, 2009 as presented.			
Motion By: Walter Winnowski		Second By: Frederic Biddle	
For: 3	Against: 0	Abstain: 2	Recuse:

Motion # 13: To accept the minutes of March 12, 2009 as presented.			
Motion By: Ann Maguire		Second By: Frederic Biddle	
For: 3	Against: 0	Abstain: 2	Recuse:

Motion # 14: To accept the minutes of April 2, 2009 as amended.			
Motion By: Gabrielle Hanna		Second By: Ann Maguire	
For: 4	Against: 0	Abstain: 1	Recuse:

Motion # 15: To accept the minutes of April 6, 2009 as amended.			
Motion By: Gabrielle Hanna		Second By: Ann Maguire	
For: 5	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Recuse:

Motion # 16: To accept the minutes of April 7, 2009 as amended.			
Motion By: Frederic Biddle		Second By: Gabrielle Hanna	
For: 5	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Recuse:

Other Business

Real Estate Transfer Fee

Ms. Rushmore requested the Committee’s feedback on her revised Real Estate Transfer Fee article for the upcoming Special Town Meeting. Ms. Hanna recused herself from the meeting for approximately 30 minutes as she holds a Real Estate Broker’s License. This left the Committee without a quorum during that time period and therefore not in session. The remaining members gave Ms. Rushmore some informal feedback on the article. The full Committee will consider Ms. Rushmore’s revised article at a later date.

Next Year’s Budget Discussion

There was a short discussion about next year’s budget process. The Committee continues to be concerned about the lack of a five year fiscal forecast.

Motion # 17: To request that the new Board of Selectmen have a preliminary meeting with the Committee to discuss the budget process for next year, and to formulate a five year budget proforma.

Motion By: Ann Maguire		Second By: Gabrielle Hanna	
For: 5	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Recuse:

Departing Member

Mr. Coen announced that member Walter Winnowski will not be serving on the Committee for the next term. This is Mr. Winnowski’s last meeting (for the time being). The Committee thanked Mr. Winnowski for his five years of service.

Next Meeting:	TBD
Adjourn:	5:26 pm
Minutes by:	Thomas Coen

Approved by  on June 5, 2009
Thomas Coen, Chair