

## **Finance Board Meeting Minutes: February 24th, 2014**

*Attendees: George McCormack, Steven Dapkiewicz, Bill Previdi, George Georgountzos, Rachel Meredith-Warren, Russ Wilson, Dava Kilbride, Devon Manchester*

Chairman Mr. Georgountzos called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

The Board started with the review of the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and approved it unanimously.

Mr. Wilson opened the meeting with the request the Board look at staffing ratio's. He expressed concern there may not be enough police officers staffed. There are 3 new officers coming out of the Academy but 2 are on disability leave. He rhetorically asked: What are the town's future needs? Mr. Wilson also issued a warning about not maintaining town property, the roof in the Police Dept leaks.

There was further discussion on staffing at the Police Dept including Chief McIntyre's clerical staff. There is 1 FT clerk and 2 PT clerks.

Mr. Georgountzos asked Mr. Previdi who sits on the Capital Committee the process of adding items to the capital list such as the roof at the Police Dept. Mr. Previdi explained the process and it was important to note that items under \$5,000 are **NOT** in the Capital Committee's scope.

Mr. Georgountzos asked Mr. Previdi if there was an update on the golf course transition, there has not been. Mr. Georgountzos said that TA Ragucci will be invited to one of the Boards meetings in March.

Mr. Meredith-Warren asked about timing and time allotment of warrant articles and department analysis. Mr. Georgountzos explained that there would be enough time and the Board will be meeting every week leading up to the Spring town meeting.

Mr. Georgountzos mentioned that the warrant articles were due "this evening" and there was word that an article contained the appointing process of the Finance Board, as well as another warrant that proposed new town meeting laws. Both were speculated on briefly. Mr. McCormack was concerned with the lack of participation and that the current system is not working but it is unlikely that a new system would provide better results and educated participation.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully,

George McCormack