

**ADVISORY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**October 15, 2016**

A meeting of the Advisory & Finance Committee was held on Saturday, October 15, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Moody at 7:30AM and was conducted in the Band Room at Plymouth North High School, 41 Obery Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts and then moved at 8AM to the PNHS Performing Arts Center for Town Meeting.

**PRESENT 14 members of the committee were present:**

Kevin Canty, Betty Cavacco, Judith Fitzgerald, Harry Helm, Ethan Kusmin, Mike Lincoln, Peter Mador, Christopher Merrill, John Moody, Patrick O'Brien, Harry Salerno, Sheila Sheridan, Marc Sirrico, Scott Stephenson

**ABSENT 1 member of the committee was absent:**

Robert Cote

**Fall Town Meeting**

➤ **Articles 11 & 12: Civil Service**

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager, reported that even though removing the top fire and police executive positions from civil service is the right thing to do, many members of the fire and police departments are opposing this action. As a result of the employees' concern and upset, the town is withdrawing Articles 11 and 12.

**Betty Cavacco made a motion to rescind the recommendation on Article 11- Civil Service. Kevin Canty, second.**

Discussion:

Committee members were curious about why the police and fire personnel chose to not attend Advisory & Finance meetings to voice their concern and waiting until precinct caucuses to do so. This is the second time police and fire have showed up so late in the process. They say they are unaware but that is an excuse to go around the process and it is insulting. (E Kusmin, H Helm)

**The motion carries unanimously (13-0-0).**

**Patrick O'Brien made a motion to rescind the recommendation on Article 12- Civil Service. Betty Cavacco, second. The motion carries unanimously (13-0-0).**

**Ethan Kusmin made a motion to recess to reconvene at Town Meeting. Kevin Canty, second. The motion passed unanimously (13-0-0).**

The Advisory & Finance Committee then attended Town Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Patrick O'Brien made a motion to adjourn. Harry Helm, second.**

**The motion for adjournment carries unanimously (10-0-0).**

The meeting adjourned at 2:10PM. Advisory & Finance Committee members in attendance at the end of the meeting were: Kevin Canty, Judith Fitzgerald, Harry Helm, Ethan Kusmin, Mike Lincoln, John Moody, Patrick O'Brien, Harry Salerno, Sheila Sheridan, Marc Sirrico, and Scott Stephenson.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kere Gillette