

ADVISORY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes
January 11, 2023, Hybrid Meeting

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

Gail Butler, Louis Cabana, Kevin Canty, Brian Dunn, Bruce Howard, Steven Keith, Joe Lalley, Timothy Lawlor, Larry McGrath, Steve Nearman, Christine Richards, Ashley Shaw, Evelyn Strawn, and Robert Zupperoli.

ABSENT **1 member of the committee was absent:** Bethany Rogers.

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Canty at 7:00 PM.

Announcements

- **Hybrid Meeting:** This meeting is likely to be conducted in a hybrid format, with some participants attending physically and others attending virtually via a video conference application.
- **Ways to Watch:** The meeting will be airing on Comcast 15, Verizon 47, or on PACTV’s YouTube channel which can be viewed at pactv.org/stream.
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Public Comment None.

Agenda Items

Minutes: Approve December 14, 2022, meeting minutes – Ms. Butler motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Cabana second. Motion carried unanimously (12-0-0).

Town Meeting Articles

Article 2: Reports of Boards/Committees – This article permits Boards and Committee’s to submit their reports for recording. Mr. McGrath entered the meeting during this discussion. Mr. Dunn moved to recommend Article 2 to Town Meeting. Mr. Howard second. Motion carried unanimously (13-0-0).

Article 4: Continuation of Committees – The purpose of this article is to authorize certain committees to continue to meet and perform work for the committee. Mr. Keith moved to recommend Article 4 to Town Meeting. Mr. Lalley second. Motion carried unanimously (13-0-0).

Article 6: Salaries of Elected Officials – This article sets the salary for the Chair of the Select Board, Select Board Members, and the Town Moderator. The amount set has not increased for some time. Mr. Lawlor moved to recommend Article 6 to Town Meeting. Mr. McGrath second. Motion carried unanimously (13-0-0).

Article 12: Chapter 90 – This article authorizes the Town to accept State funding for the maintenance of public roads. Mr. Nearman moved to recommend Article 12 to Town Meeting. Ms. Richards second. Motion carried unanimously (13-0-0).

Old/New/Other Business Chairman Canty noted that the A&F had a joint meeting with the Select Board and School Committee at which the Select Board passed the budget to the A&F for their review process. The A&F have formed Sub-Committees that will meet with each Department, within their Sub-Committee, and perform in-depth investigating & questioning of the budgets. Each Sub-Committee will write a report on their findings and make recommendations. The Sub-Committee's will present their reports to the entire committee at the Budget Hearing and the A&F will vote the Town Budget to recommend to Town Meeting.

Public Comment None.

Adjournment - Ms. Shaw motioned to adjourn. Ms. Strawn second. Motion carried unanimously (13-0-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Submitted by
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