

FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday October 30, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Ed Hoak, Secretary Michele Hamilton, Nancy Gajoli, Joe Freitas, Barbara Miller and Melinda Paine-Dupont.

The meeting was held at the Berkley Town Hall and called to order by Chairman Ed Hoak at 6:32 pm.

The minutes of Monday August 28, 2017 were discussed, a motion was made and seconded to approve minutes with adjustment. Voted unanimously.

Chairman Ed Hoak gave a brief overview of the Task Force committee. Currently there are seven persons assigned to the committee, one member each of the Finance Committee, the Accountant, Board of Selectman, Treasurer and School Committee. In addition to those mentioned there are two at large. The Task Force focus for this year is on the funding of the schools and long term focus on how are funding is disrupted.

Chairman Ed Hoak brought the Finance Committee up to date on the status of the 2015, 2016 and 2017 audits. Both of 2015, 2016 have been completed and year 2017 is currently being looked at. A motion was made and seconded to put on agenda for further updates. Voted unanimously.

The Finance Committee had a brief discussion related to the special town meeting and articles that should be brought forth to the people of Berkley. At this time we have not received word on the date of special town meeting. Barbara Miller indicated that the selectmen are considering November 1, 2017 as a possible date. . A motion was made and seconded and the committee voted unanimously to table this discussion until the committee has a firm date.

Joe Frietas asked that the committee to accept his request to step down from the School Sub-Committee. His government employment has increased and he is spending a great deal of time working more than scheduled hours. In addition, he expressed concerns regarding all sub-committees and various members of the finance committee outside interest and what impact they could have at a time when discussions are being done regarding the allocation of funds. Chairman Ed Hoak stated the committee is dissolved and may be reconstituted in the future.

After several discussions, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Berkley Library Committee. Voted unanimously.

Additional topic of discussion was the MMA Meeting and Trade Show handout. Committee decided to table this until our next meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:11pm. Voted unanimously.