

**West Newbury Finance Committee
Minutes of the meeting
Monday, October 3, 2016**

Vice-Chairman Winch called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the second floor hearing room of the 1910 Building with Mr. Ellis, Ms. Grammer, and Mr. DeLena in attendance.

There being no public comment, the Committee considered its agenda.

Election of FinCom representative on the Human Resource Committee to hire a Finance Director

Vice-Chairman Winch informed members Mr. DeLena volunteered to act as the FinCom representative on the Finance Director Search committee.

FinCom voted to approve Mr. DeLena's appointment to the committee, 3-0-1, DeLena, abstaining.

Minutes

FinCom voted to approve the September 26, 2016 minutes, 3-0-1, DeLena, absent.

Mr. Phillips joined the committee immediately following the vote.

Article #11 To see if the town will vote to amend Chapter XXXVI of the Town Bylaws to correct references, update provisions, and revise the Bylaw relative to appointment procedures, chairman limitations, and various other requirements, or take any other action relative thereto. By request of the Community Preservation Committee.

FinCom members discussed both the BOS and CPC versions of the bylaw changes. Two variations include term limits for the chairperson and the presence of all sitting members are necessary to reach a quorum. Both versions will be included in the FinCom booklet. However, the BOS version appears on the warrant.

FinCom voted in favor of the Board of Selectmen version of the amended bylaw, 5-0-0.

Rationale in favor of the BOS version of the bylaw: Winch

Article #15: To see if the town will vote to amend the omnibus budget by adding a line item for the recreation department—Maintenance of the Fields—Salaries and Expenses” and to transfer from omnibus budget line item “Recreation-Parks and Recreation Expenses” the sum of \$1,500.00 to the Maintenance of The Fields—Salaries and Expenses line item. By request of the Finance Director on Behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

FinCom discussed the addition of “raise and appropriate”.

The FinCom vote prior to the addition stands, 5-0-0.

FinCom Rationales

Ms. Grammer requested final drafts of the rationales be forwarded to her by Thursday, October 6, 2016.

Future FinCom Meetings

Monday, October 17, 2016: Meeting with the CIC

Monday, October 24, 2016: FinCom to meeting at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Town meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisa Grammer
Secretary