

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Peru Community Center

3 East Main Rd. Peru MA

Wednesday, November 30, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

- 1 Call to order
2. roll call
3. state recording status
4. Elect New Chairperson
5. pledge of allegiance to flag
6. review and approve meeting minutes from July 15th 2022
7. Discuss current year budget 2023
8. discuss the upcoming budget year 2024
9. input from public
10. adjourn

The list of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Board which may be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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Posted November 19, 2022 @ 12:05pm, *Kim Leach, Town Clerk*

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
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- Present: Jesse Pelkey, Darryll Darby, Sam Haupt, Paul Hickling, Doug Haskins
- Call to Order
 - Meeting opened at 6pm with all members present. Darryll Darby attended via phone.
 - No audio recording of the meeting was made.
- Pledge of Alliance to the Flag
- Meeting minutes from July 15, 2022 were read and approved
- Elect New Chairperson
 - Paul Hickling, Finance Committee Member, was nominated and seconded to be Chairperson. There was a unanimous vote to appoint him as chair.
- Discussed current FY2023 budget
 - The select board approved the purchase of a new Volvo loader.
 - While the larger loader was discussed there appeared to only be approved funding for the smaller loader. Finance Committee Member Doug Haskins, also a member of the select board, will look into this during the select board meeting on December 12, 2022 and bring the answer back to the next Finance Committee meeting.
 - Discussion of the new accounting firm chosen due to the previous accountant who left the position on December 3, 2022.
 - The cost of this service will apparently exceed funds set aside for accounting services. The Committee raised the question of how this additional cost will be covered. Finance Committee member Doug Haskins to research.
- Discussed FY2024
 - Budget requests will be sent out in January 2023.
 - There was discussion of pros and cons of the Finance Committee meeting in 2023 with select board present.
 - Additional discussion revolved around having all budget requests go to the Finance Committee. Members mentioned this would allow the Finance Committee to review requests prior to meetings to allow for research and to better prepare advance questions.
- No public members of the community attended
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm



Chairman of Finance
Committee
Paul Hickling
2/9/2023