

Finance Committee Minutes

August 8th 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. Present were Mr. Edgar Zukauskas, Mr. David Herrick, Mr. Burt Imberman, Ms. Pat Mielke, and Mrs. Prudence Spaulding. Ms. Tara White was a guest.

The minutes of June 20th 2013 were accepted as amended, Mr. Zukauskas 1st, Mr. Herrick 2nd passed unanimously. This meeting served as an organizational meeting. Proposed were Mr. Zukauskas Chairman, Mr. David Herrick Vice Chairman and Mrs. Spaulding Secretary, and voted unanimously.

Mrs. Spaulding was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Hattendorf accepting his resignation with regret and wishing him good times when he spends the winter months in a warmer climate!

With the vacancy caused by Mr. Hattendorf's resignation there were two candidates that expressed an interest in serving the remainder of his term (expiring in 2015). Both of these men were asked to explain why they wished to serve on the Finance Committee, what business experience they brought with them to the job, and what particular interest they had in town government. Both candidates were well prepared, devoted serious citizens committed to serving the town. Both men have had experience in formulating budgets and both had areas of interest and expertise which would prove helpful during the budgetary process.

Mr. Zukauskas was specific when he stated that the bulk of the committee's work takes place between December 15th and the yearly town meeting in May. It is important for members to be faithful in their attendance. Meetings are usually held at the town hall at 7:00PM on Thursdays and rarely last more than 1 ½ hours. The committee is responsible for reviewing over 100 town budgets. The Finance Committee also attends budget meetings of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District and members usually are expected to attend these. Both

candidates stated that should they be appointed they would attend the meetings faithfully.

Each candidate was interviewed separately. The Finance Committee will make its recommendation to the selectmen and they will make the appointment to the committee.

Because the candidates, Mr. Peter Marks and Mr. Mark Carson are such good candidates for the vacancy, Mr. Imberman questioned whether the Committee was limited to 6 elected members with an appointed member, or could both men serve! Unfortunately there is only one vacancy. A secret ballot was circulated and Mr. Carson received the majority of the votes with one abstention.

It was noted that this is the first time two such excellent candidates had expressed an interest in serving on the Finance Committee!

The meeting adjourned at 7:40PM with no further meetings scheduled at this time

Respectfully submitted

Prudence Spaulding, Secretary.

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