FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2013

Members Present: Chairman Dennis May, Myra Carlow, Maggie Parent
Absent: none
Citizens Present: none
Meeting Called to Order: 9:44 a.m.

Review of Minutes: Reviewed and approved minutes January 9, 2013

Review of Submitted Budgets and Meetings with Committees & Boards

DPW

- Need to be sure that money received from sale of used truck goes back to MCSF, from which came funds for new truck. M. Carlow will check with Joe Boudreau of DOR to determine procedure required.
- Although Taylor requested 3% raise for employees, should hold to the 1.7% COLA approved by BOS
- Need to get usage information for electricity and vehicle fuel to assure budget numbers are solid. Check with Marilyn Wilson
- Reduce Road Reclamation number back to $50,000 for FY14. Need good analysis and projection for future need. Taylor working on with McLatchy?

Assessors

- Support suggestion that in 2016 assessors begin to "set aside" 1/3 of amount anticipated to be needed for Triannual Reval—even out expenditures.
- Support Assessors decision to evaluate work of firm (Mainstream Associates) doing the Bear Swamp evaluation and look for a new firm. Has been discussed by Assessors for several years.

Fire Department

- Support the Fire Dept's exploring government surplus sources for "brush truck" for purchase in the future. Look for something simple (used heavy-duty pick up truck?) to carry water to inaccessible sources

EMS

- Appears there will be 4 additional First Responders in 2014. Is the stipend for FR $425? ($1700/4) D.May will check.

Board of Health

- Commend their reduction of the budget!

Police Dept.

- Support recommendations of Police Chief re salary for new chief and addition of an additional officer

Park Dept.

- Thank you for responsible budgeting

BOS

- At BOS meeting re budget received copies of budget material related to areas under their control but did not discuss them. Have not yet received Budget Worksheet for FY14 from Town Coordinator.

M. Carlow will find out how the Town's contribution to the retirement is calculated.
Memo regarding these budget comments will be prepared and sent to the BOS by Clerk Carlow.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:13 a.m.

The next meeting: January 28, 2013, to review School Budget with School Committee and BOS

Respectfully submitted, Myra Bennett Carlow February 8, 2013

Approved: Dennis May