

JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

December 11, 2013

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**Meeting Date:** December 11, 2013

**Called to Order:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls MA

**Finance Committee Members Present:** John Hanold, Michael Naughton, Lynn Reynolds, Sharon Kennaugh, Greg Garrison and Lisa Adams.

**Selectmen Present:** Michael Nelson, Christopher Boutwell and Mark Fairbrother.

**Others Present:** Town Accountant Carolyn Olsen

**Minutes**

Finance Committee Moved:

To approve the minutes of November 20, 2013.

Vote: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained

Mr. Naughton arrived at 6:01 PM

Mr. Nelson arrived at 6:01 PM

Selectmen Moved:

To approve the minutes of November 20, 2013.

Vote: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained

**Budget Calendar**

Mr. Hanold confirmed budget hearing dates of February 5<sup>th</sup> for Police/Dispatch and February 12<sup>th</sup> for both DPW and WPCF. The Franklin County Technical School budget hearing will be rescheduled from March 19<sup>th</sup> to February 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Naughton suggested that on the 19<sup>th</sup> a discussion of the Benefits budget is scheduled and that it would be nice to have a review of what those benefits are. Ms. Olsen will prepare and e-mail a description of the budget line items.

**Town Administrator Budget Update**

Ms. Olsen reported that Mr. Abbondanzio has had preliminary meetings with most departments, but has nothing to report at this time.

**Topics not anticipated within in the 48 hour posting requirements** None

**Next Meetings:**

January 8, 2014 Initial review of budget requests, and preliminary affordable assessment calculation

January 15, 2014 All budget questions for department heads are due to Mr. Abbondanzio.

January 22, 2014 Initial review of Schedules I and II

January 29, 2014 Decide what departments with which to meet.

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:28 PM**

**List of Documents and Exhibits**

- Minutes November 20, 2013
- 12/9/13 Budget Calendar