

## YARMOUTH FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Yarmouth Town Hall, Room A

April 29, 2015

**Present:** Joseph Goldstein, Chair, Cathy Romboli, Vice Chair/Clerk, Nathan Ladley, Phillip Morris, Jack Moylan, Robert Ciavarra

**Administration:** William Hinchey, Town Administrator

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Goldstein, Chair, at 6:30 p.m.

### MINUTES:

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the April 8, 2015 Yarmouth Finance Committee meeting as written.

Motion by: Mr. Morris

Seconded by: Mr. Ladley

Vote: 5-0-0

### NEXT MEETING:

There is an informal meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m. before the Town Meeting on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Another Yarmouth Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., Yarmouth Town Hall, Room A.

### TRANSFERS:

There were no transfers at this meeting.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS/TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE:

#### DY SCHOOL BUDGET UPDATE:

Mr. Hinchey informed the Finance Committee that the Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to support the DY Schools budget override at the Board of Selectmen's meeting April 28, 2015. The Board of Selectmen were aware of the loss of the E & D funds this year, leaving a deficit of \$323,000 for the DY Schools to be paid for by the Debt Drop Off and the override, with the net effect of a 2.2% increase in the tax rate for the Town of Yarmouth. The Board of Selectmen does not anticipate an override in the future.

Mr. Hinchey said that the DY School issue was obfuscated by the Bay Colony settlement and by criticism the Police, Fire, and DPW budgets. The Police and Fire Departments have increased their call volumes by 100% in the last 10 years; in that time, the DY School budget has increased by the same amount as Police and Fire, but the population the Schools serve has increased by 10%.

#### UPDATE ON SPEAKERS:

There was a discussion of the Yarmouth Finance Committee speakers at Town Meeting. Mr. Goldstein said that those members who spoke against an Article may want to speak, and he said that he felt that the Committee would express their disappointment that the Board of Selectmen did not have the opportunity to vote on the Supplemental Capital Article. Mr. Morris said that the Chair of the Yarmouth Finance Committee would be the one to speak and explain opinions of the Committee, but he feels that if a member wanted to express an opinion, that member should step down from the stage. He said that this has been the precedent. Mr. Moylan noted that there were Articles (Fire Arms-Voted to recommend as amended, and Motorcycle Rides Articles-Voted not to recommend) on the Warrant that needed to be amended.

### ADJOURN:

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

Motion by: Mr. Moylan

Seconded by: Mrs. Romboli

Vote: 6-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Grace E. Buckler  
Recording Secretary  
Yarmouth Finance Committee

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