

**TOWN OF ROWLEY
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting September 5, 2017
Rowley Town Hall**

Members Present: Lawrence White, Chairman; Sharon Emery, Vice Chairman; Peter Censullo, Paul Jalbert, and Dennis Roy

Absent: Jami Snow

1. Call to Order: Larry White, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm with a quorum present.
2. Reorganization of the Finance Committee – White noted that the Finance Committee is now at six members.
 - a. Emery moved to nominate White as Chairman. Roy seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.
 - b. Roy moved to nominate Emery as Vice Chairman. White seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.
 - c. White moved to nominate Snow as Clerk. Emery seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.
3. DPW Report – Roy provided a status update on DPW construction bids and contracts for new roads. The contracts have been awarded and Patrick Snow's goal is to complete some work done before the winter season begins. Roy explained that Snow put the contracts out until December 31 to have the option to renew for an additional year or re-bid. Roy reported the department is under budget and that the new staff member and cemetery reorganization are going well. He briefly discussed capital planning.
4. Board of Health – Emery provided a report on the Board of Health highlighting upcoming programs including a flu clinic and a recycling day.
5. Council on Aging – White provided a report on the Council on Aging. He highlighted programs that have taken place over the summer and new programs that will be introduced in the fall.
6. Community Preservation Committee – Jalbert provided a report on the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). There was no activity over the summer months but meetings will start again in the fall. He explained the process of CPC assessment of project and funding requests.

7. Schools – Censullo had no updates to report. White briefed the Committee on the School Committee meeting that he, Dave Petersen and Joe Perry (both BOS) attended. At this meeting, they requested that the three Triton towns be more involved in the budget process and be informed early in the process. In addition, Petersen made a presentation to the School Committee outlining the difference between the school funding that the Town of Rowley can afford and the amount that is assessed. No comment was received back from the School Committee. Discussion ensued on the formula used for the assessment and the need to revise the formula.
8. Minutes of Meetings: Emery moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held July 11, 2017, as submitted. Roy seconded. Jalbert recused himself from the vote as he was absent on July 11, 2017. The vote was unanimous in favor.
9. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting date is set for October 17, 2017.
10. Adjournment: Jalbert moved to adjourn. Roy seconded. The vote was unanimous at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Coffey
Finance Committee Secretary

Documents Attached:

Agenda for September 5, 2017
Draft Minutes of Meeting held on July 11, 2017