

**Finance Committee ~ Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, June 3, 2003
7:30pm – Fire Station (Hudson Rd)**

Present: Co-Chairs Tracy Billig & Bob Jacobson, Marty Ragonas, Larry Rowe, Bill Kneeland. Also present: Robin Porcella, Recording Secretary

Opening Remarks from the Co-Chairs

The meeting was opened at 7:30pm

Item 1: Discussion and Recommendations for PTERC

Bob Jacobson informed everyone that the Finance Committee, Council on Aging, Board of Assessors, and the two school committees were asked to recommend two citizens of Sudbury to the newly formed Property Tax Equity Review Committee (PTERC). He and Tracy reviewed the list of names, and proposed the following two individuals to be recommended by the FinCom: William Sheehan and Michael DuCros.

When Bob and Tracy were reviewing the list of names, they thought it would be a good idea to recommend a senior citizen and a citizen who has a child in the school system. They know both individuals personally, and believe each would be a productive member to PTERC

Bob and Tracy asked the committees members if they had any other recommendations, or any concerns regarding the two individuals they proposed.

VOTED: Move to recommend Michael DuCros and William Sheehan to PTERC. Motion made by Larry Rowe and seconded by Marty Ragonas. On vote, motion carries 5 in favor, and 0 opposed.

Item 2: Vote on FinCom's representative to PTERC

Bob Jacobson informed the committee that he and Tracy have decided to assign John Nikula as the FinCom's representative to PTERC.

The committee members were asked if they had any objections or other recommendations for the position.

VOTED: Move to approve John Nikula as the FinCom's representative to PTERC. Motion made by Larry Rowe and seconded by Marty Ragonas. On vote, motion carries 5 in favor, and 0 opposed.

Item 3: Discussion on letter to school committees concerning contract analysis

Bob Jacobson informed the committee that SPS School Committee member, Bill Braun, was concerned that the FinCom was going to try to interfere with their budget process, and pass judgment on the school committee. Bob Jacobson stressed the point that the FinCom can absolutely take no part in the collective bargaining with the schools.

Marty Ragonis reminded everyone that this is a new request being sent out, and that this will make people nervous and hesitant at first. Bob reminded that committee that this letter only states what the FinCom would like to do, and hopes that the letter/project is accepted by the school committees. He is hoping the information that the committee is trying to obtain does not get hidden/shaded in any ways.

Bob Jacobson informed the committee that the letter is being sent to the following people: Maureen Valente, Town Manager, Kirsten Roopenian, Selectmen, Eula Aimee Walsh, Sudbury Educational Association, Bill Braun, SPS School Committee Chairperson, Eileen Glovsky, LSRHS School Committee Chairperson, Susan Brooks & Paul Giese, Lincoln FinCom Chairs, and Helen Sotiriou, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional Teachers' Association.

Larry Rowe provided Bob Jacobson with a couple of recommended changes he had.

Other Business

Liaisons –

Bob Jacobson informed Bill Kneeland that he would like to possibly assign him as the liaison to LSRHS and Minuteman High School, because of his back round with financial matters regarding education.

Tracy and Bob are going to ask that Shauna Simmonds serve as the liaison to the PTERC. Since that committee will be holding a lot of meetings, they are also going to have her serve as a third liaison to the schools.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm