

**Finance Committee
Workshop with Selectmen
August 15, 2007
7:00 PM**

Workshop called to order at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Dan Babb, Joe Simpson, Brenda Edgerly, Todd Abbott, Tina Cote, Paul Kussman, Dennis Abbott, Jon Gale, Tammy Jo Girard, Cindy Moore and Committee Secretary, Nancy Roberge.

The Town Charter was discussed in detail. It was discussed that the Finance Committee has no direction in the roles and responsibilities of the Finance Committee. And, it is very hard to obtain the information the Committee needs. Dennis agreed that some of the information in the reports is convoluted and the Town is working through the process to simplify that and restructure.

Dennis indicated that the town needs a Charter Commission that continues to review the Charter.

Equipment Rates: How will they effect the budget? The Selectmen feel that the roads were budgeted with the new rates in mind.

The issue of the lawn mower for Parks and Recreation was brought up and why was the Finance Committee not informed. The Selectmen did not know. It was discussed that the Finance Committee does become part of the financial decision if the Selectmen has to go to the public for the money, but they are not involved if there is unexpected expenditures (like the lawnmower).

Dennis suggested that the Finance Committee attend the weekly Selectmen meetings.

Dan indicated that if there is anything that might be of interest to the Finance Committee an email or memo should be sent to them.

Todd recommended that the Selectmen, Finance Committee, Nancy Brandt and Julie Giles should meet quarterly. Dan recommended that the Finance Committee go back to meeting periodically with Department Heads and the Selectmen thought that was a good idea.

Dedicated Secretary: Dennis suggested having a point person for Nancy Roberge to work with at town hall. It was mentioned by Dan that if the Finance Committee wants a dedicated secretary, then the Finance Committee will have to budget for it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Roberge