

**Finance Committee Meeting  
May 2, 2007  
Municipal Center - Selectmen's Conference Room**

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**Call To Order**

Meeting was called to Order at 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Chairman, Paul Helmreich; Vice-Chair, Lee Tarantino, Tom DeLuca, Jackie Desrochers, Mike Fiore, Wayne Graf, Mike Thomas, and Philip Zawasky. Town Manager was not present.

**Communications/Correspondence**

Mr. Helmreich said there was an oversight in posting of this meeting and this meeting is not an official/legal meeting, therefore, no votes can be taken.

**Minutes**

Minutes would be reviewed and voted on at future meeting.

**New Business**

Mr. Helmreich said on May 14th the FinCom will take a formal vote on two articles and can discuss tonight. This evening they should look at data and info for Article 5 (two articles on special town meeting and see comments on warrant). He said FinCom should also look at draft of FinCom report.

**Article 5-(South Shore Mill Works)**

Mr. Gabriel said this was recommended by Planning Board on May 1, 2007; 6 in favor and zero opposed with one abstaining.

Mr. Tarantino asked about specific neighborhood objections. He thought neighbors thought it may be more of an ulterior motive by South Shore Mill Works than just using it as an office building.

Mr. Helmreich said he had not heard of any specific objections; only of recommendation of Planning Board.

Mr. Tarantino said if two parcels are tied together at some point building could be huge. There could be an enormous building there and there are entrance concerns, and if at end of Old Taunton Avenue he would be upset. He said there is one little section of industrial on John Scott Blvd. and one actually falls under agricultural.

Mr. Helmreich said he had Planning Board's recommendation. They will have a formal vote on May 14 (early meeting prior to Town Meeting), but from discussions they have had he feels FinCom would view this favorably.

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**Article 2**

Mr. Helmreich said the difference is addition of two sections per treasurer/collector; not a transfer from free cash (a transfer from within accounts).

Mr. Helmreich said if he is asked at Town Meeting about this, it is his sense FinCom will support this.

Mr. Fiore referenced summary sheet, Article 32 shows "No Action"; it should say "Not Recommended". He said he knows it is not an official document yet.

Mr. Helmreich said he will point that error out to Michelle Brown. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Tarantino discussed FinCom Report.

Mr. Graf said it is not really increased co-pays but Town covering co-pays (Town subsidized co-pays).

Mr. Helmreich said he thought Mr. Tarantino is correct. Plan now calls for increased co-pays.

Mr. Graf stated health insurance costs did not really decrease. Discussion ensued on correct language to use.

Mr. Helmreich said to say at a 3% premium increase

Mr. Graf pointed out "Annual Town Meeting" had a typo.

Mr. Graf said third paragraph was redundant.

Mr. Helmreich agreed.

Discussion ensued on FinCom Report.

Mr. Tarantino referenced the section of "one additional cruiser on the road". It was noted dollar signs should be in both places/where needed and decimal places consistent too.

Mr. Graf stated first paragraph, second page, unclear and some may think debt exclusion is for Middle School repairs and suggested to bullet them.

It was noted to correct "vice Chair" with a capital "V" and comma after Paul Helmreich and Lee Tarantino.

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Mr. Helmreich asked Mr. Tarantino to please e-mail him a copy of this document when changes are made.

Mr. Helmreich said they need to have 20 or 30 copies of FinCom Report available on Monday.

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Next Meeting to be held on May 14, 2007 at 6:15 p.m. at Yelle School.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION was made by Mr. DeLuca to Adjourn at 8:15. Second by Mr. Zawasky.**

**Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Janet Sweeney  
Recording Secretary