

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 31, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting room of Town Hall. The following members were present: Ken Szajda, Tom Meehan, Pam Zicko, Kathleen White and Michelle Zeamer. Mark Schultz was absent from meeting.

Jack Donovan presented the FY13 budget for the Planning Board. With the 1.5% increase, the budget is \$71,034. There is a potential lawsuit involving Chamberlain Pines. The appeal costs will be applied to FY13. There is a reduction in revenue to the town planner

The Bldg. Inspector's budget was presented by Peter Tartakoff. Much of the budget will be determined by the compensation study. Computers were purchased last year, but are not needed in this year's budget. There was no money spent for a replacement person during vacation times. There's cooperation among surrounding towns. The fees charged by Holliston are in line with the surrounding communities. The Assessors receive a report of permits as soon as occupancy is established.

Paul LeBeau presented the ZBA budget. They reduced clerical from 10 to 9 hrs. There is an increase in postage. Tom Meehan asked if unfunded mandates are our legal responsibility to fund. Paul said that the statistical data of economic activity is adding additional reporting. This burden is eased with technology. The fees charged by ZBA are not covering expenses.

Paul LeBeau reported that the BOS and Ins. Advisory Comm. are ready to submit a proposal. Tom Meehan asked if the town had looked into refinancing debts for lower interest rates.

It was mentioned that some money will come from Highway to go to the tree warden.

At 8:55 PM. Pam Zicko, seconded by Michelle Zeamer, made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamula Zicko

Date Approved: March 27, 2012