

# Town of Fairhaven

## Finance Committee

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Minutes of the meeting for <May 4, 2013>at the Elizabeth Hastings Middle School,  
30 School St., Fairhaven, MA

Members in attendance:

Chairman-John Roderiques, Robert A. Furtado, Scott Fernandes, Kim Hyland,  
Therese Szala, Colin Veitch, Dawn Devlin, Sid Martin, Phil Washko, Padraic Elliot

Members absent:

Kathi Carter

Town of Fairhaven:

Jeffery Osuch- Executive secretary, joined meeting @ 8:15 AM

Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. Chairman has to be notified if anyone present is recording the meeting by video or audio.

- There is an error in the Highway: Salary & Wages figure in Article 4. The corrected number is \$ 890,967.
  - Phil motions for \$ 890,967 for #38 Highway: Salary & Wages within Article #4. Seconded by Colin. Vote: Unanimous
  
- Discussion of contracts for Water, Highway, and Sewer Departments.
  - Discussion of negotiations in the Town's best interest.
  - Discussion of contracts coming in so close to Town Meeting.
  - Discussion of the advantages of the Town using a labor attorney.  
Only the Selectmen can make that decision.
  - Discussion of binding arbitration.
  - Majority of the committee is not happy with the contracts but thinks their acceptance is best in the long run.
    - Scott motions the following amounts for Article #2 of the Special Town Meeting:
      2. Highway Division Salary & Wages \$ 2,817.00  
Parks Division Salary & Wages \$ 309.00
      3. Sewer Department Salary & Wages \$ 2,475.00
      4. Water Division Salary & Wages \$ 1.00

- All amounts seconded by Sid. Vote: Motion passes 8 to 2 with Terry & Phil opposed.
  
- Mr. Osuch states that the Selectmen have voted to Pass Over Article #6 of the STM.
  
- Discussion of Article #4 of the STM.
  
- Motion made by Scott to accept the minutes from May 2, 2013. Seconded by Sid.  
Vote: Unanimous

8:40 AM. The Finance Committee adjourns to the stage for Town Meeting. Town Meeting adjourns @ 4:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert A. Furtado  
Finance Committee Secretary

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