

# Town of Fairhaven

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## Finance Committee

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Minutes of the meeting for <June 18, 2018> in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor East Room at Fairhaven Town Hall,  
40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA

FAIRHAVEN,  
MASS.

### Members in attendance:

Padraic Elliott, Robert A. Furtado, Kathi Carter, Lisa Plante, Bernard F. Roderick, Tracey Diggins,  
Jessica Dwelly

### Member absent:

Thomas Alden

### Town of Fairhaven:

Wendy Graves- Collector/Treasurer/Finance Director

Chairman Pat called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

Motion made by Lisa to accept the minutes from April 26, 2018. Seconded by Jessica. Vote:  
Unanimous

Motion made by Lisa to accept the minutes from May 2, 2018. Seconded by Jessica. Vote:  
Unanimous

Motion made by Lisa to accept the minutes from May 5, 2018. Seconded by Jessica. Vote:  
Unanimous

- Pat states the 1<sup>st</sup> order of business is the annual reorganization of the Finance Committee.
  - Pat asks for nominations for Chairman.
    - Lisa nominates Pat for Chairman. Seconded by Bernie. Vote: Unanimous
  - Chairman asks for nominations for Vice Chairman.
    - Kathy nominates Lisa for Vice Chairman. Seconded by Tracey. Vote: Unanimous
  - Chairman asks for nominations for Secretary.
    - Lisa nominates Bob for Secretary. Seconded by Bernie. Vote: Unanimous
- Chairman states we are meeting to handle 3 transfers between accounts.
  - Chairman asks Ms. Graves why we are not doing these through the Reserve Fund, as we usually do.
  - Ms. Graves states we are using overages in the Debt Service account.

- Bernie asks if we are voting with the Selectmen.
- Chairman discusses how the voting will go.  
States we will have a joint meeting, at the Selectmen's meeting, but he would like the Finance Committee to be able to discuss the issues and vote on our own 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Ms. Graves states the 1<sup>st</sup> transfer is for the Fire Department.
  - Fire Dept. is seeking \$1,900 for Gasoline.
  - Ms. Graves states it is because of the increase in cost.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Transfer request is for \$500 from the Emergency Management Agency.
  - Ms. Graves states it is needed because they under estimated the cost of WIFI access in the budget.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Transfer request is from the Veterans Department seeking \$1,155.
  - Ms. Graves states it is needed because the agent retired and this is for his buy out.
  - Chairman asks if it was known, he was retiring. Ms. Graves states no.
- Discussion of whether we should vote before the Selectmen, or wait for them 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Lisa motions to transfer \$1,900 from Debt Service to Fire Department- Gasoline. Seconded by Jessica. Vote: Unanimous
  - Lisa motions to transfer \$1,155 from Debt Service to Veterans- Salary. Seconded by Jessica. Vote: Unanimous
- Committee holds on the EMA transfer until we get more information from Mr. Rees.
- Bernie questions the balance in the Rogers School account on the sheet we were provided.
- Brief discussion of the Rogers School.
  - Tracey motion to adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of our business at the Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Lisa. Vote: Unanimous
- Finance Committee leaves the East Room @ 6:38 PM. to join the Selectmen's Meeting.
- 6:53 PM. Finance Committee and Selectmen meet.
- Also present at the joint meeting are:  
Mark Rees- Town Administrator  
Vicki Paquette- Assistant to the Town Administrator  
Charles K. Murphy, Sr.- Vice Chairman-Selectmen  
Robert Espindola- Selectman  
Daniel Freitas- Chairman-Selectmen

- Mr. Rees runs down the transfers we previously discussed.
- Chairman states we have voted in favor of the Fire Dept. and Veterans transfers, but feel we need more information for the EMS transfer.
  - Mr. Rees states the EMA is a small department overseen by a director who under estimated the budget.
  - Mr. Rees states that long term, oversight of the department has been transferred to the Fire Department.
  - Mr. Rees doesn't have a reason for the budget shortfall, but promises more oversight in the future.
  - Chairman states the bill needs to be paid and recommends approval.
    - Lisa motions to transfer \$500 from Debt Service to Emergency Management Agency. Seconded by Bernie. Vote: Unanimous
- Mr. Rees thanks the committee for their efforts through the past budget season.
- Finance Committee left meeting at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert A. Furtado  
Finance Committee Secretary

*accepted 10/11/2018*  
*Robert A. Furtado*

