

Brattleboro Representative Town Meeting Finance Committee
Wednesday, July 1, 2015 – 4:00pm
Hanna Cosman Meeting Room
Agenda

Call to order

Approve Minutes - May 20, 2015

Debriefing by Town Manager Peter Elwell on his ongoing review of the budgeting process, and how it will be changing

Discussion of committee plans and priorities, including:

- The Town's Definitions & Nature of 'Capital Expenditures' – Report from the Interim Presiding Clerk
- Update on organizational resources available to us, including the Vermont League of Cities and Towns – Franz Reichsman
- Designation of three individuals to track the budgeting processes for the Municipality, the Town Schools, and BUHS / Windham Regional Career Center
- Discussion of Reports, etc., we should request or receive for our work
- Further discussion of Finance Committee 'Working' Web Site, use of google docs, etc.
- Possible strategies for reducing insurance premiums/labor costs
- "Management by crisis" spending by the Town for expenses that should have been anticipated; how to suggest improvements
- Options for integrating finance goals with energy goals and renewable energy development
- Consideration of the 'Enterprise Fund' budgets: Water & Sewers, and Parking Regulation & Enforcement

Decision on date and time of next meeting

Adjournment