

Brattleboro Town Finance Committee

Minutes

June 25, 2013

4:30 PM

SB Meeting Rm

Present: Committee members John Woodward, John Wilmerding, Michael Bosworth, Tim Cuthbertson
Spoon Agave (Chair)

Absent: Committee member Lisa Lorimer

1. Call to order: 4:37 PM
2. Agenda: Invite Sondag; clarify workplan
3. Approve minutes of May 28, 2013: MOTION to approve Cuth/Wood; APPROVED 4-0-1
4. Announcements: none
5. Invite Sondag: suggestion to invite Town Manager Barb Sondag to our next meeting. Last chance before her resignation is effective. General discussion about the interaction between the FC and the administration; possible directions for the FC; related topics.
Agave will confirm with TM
6. Workplan:
 - Point made that we shouldn't refer to non-profit contributions to the town as taxes.
General agreement.
 - Schools – important to follow their proceedings to see how their budgets take shape.
Specific areas of interest may reveal themselves in the process
 - Dashboard – discussion of various possibilities. general agreement that it should provide information that will aid TMMs in making financial decisions.
 - Housing – Agave has been working on this
 - Personal income
 - Cost of borrowing
 - Tax base
 - Cost of living
7. Adjourn: 6:35 PM