

Brattleboro Town Finance Committee

Minutes

November 26, 2013
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4:30 PM

Present: Committee members Michael Bosworth, Tim Cuthbertson, Lisa Lorimer, Spoon Agave (Chair)

Absent: Committee members John Wilmerding, John Woodward

Other: John O'Connor, Finance Director, Town of Brattleboro (departed at 5 pm)

1. Call to order: 4:36 PM
2. Agenda Review
3. Approve minutes of November 12, 2013: **MOTION:** Bos/Cuth to approve
PASSED 4-0
4. Announcements: none
5. Discussion with John O'Connor: Confirmed that defined benefits were continued in renewed police and fire contracts. Not himself present in contract negotiations

TASK - Lorimer will graph pension benefits
6. FC meeting time rescheduling: Meetings will be Friday afternoons at 4:00 PM until annual report is completed (thru Feb). Will meet on weekly basis beginning January
7. General discussion: budget. Cuthbertson reviewed 1st SB budget meeting.
Rise in Grand List reduced anticipated tax hike on muni side from 16 and 10 cents to 14.5 and 9 cents respectively (level service and level funded choices)
General agreement to go ahead with immediate memorandum to SB including at least two points :
a different basis for evaluating street and road maintenance and energy savings in town bldgs

TASK: Agave will write memorandum
8. Adjourn: 6:38 PM