

Finance Committee Monthly meeting minutes, v3

Sep 21, 2020 on Zoom

Action items or decisions are in red

Attended: Oscar Heller, Maya Hasegawa, David Levenbach, Millicent Cooley, Nora Dissinger, Paula Melton, Franz Reichman

Announcements:

- Public notice that Andrew Jaeger did not complete his probationary period, and Brattleboro currently does not have a Finance Director.

Minutes: None

Voting on officers

- Oscar Heller: Chair (voted 6/6)
- Paula Melton: Vice Chair (voted 6/6)
- Millicent Cooley: Clerk (voted 6/6)

Open meeting law review

- Quorum for this committee of 6 people, is 4.

School board finance report

- Committee voted 6/6 to empower David Levenbach to discuss with Peter Elwell and Attorney Fischer, on how school budget reporting may be done under the new structure of combined districts. Committee's will discuss our role again, with David's new information.

Finance reporting topics and committee assignments

- Everyone on the committee should have a general overview of town finance, and may be asked by residents for an opinion.
- Review roles/assignments at a later meeting, for these focus topics for reporting:
 - School (tbd if Finance will do this?)
 - Municipal
 - Capital budget and projects (watch the new water treatment plant) (Maya + 1)
 - ~~Solid waste — don't need it this year~~
 - Human services
 - Police (needs more depth this year) (David)
 - Parking
 - Survey of Select Board pay (Millicent?)
 - Utilities (should this be included?)

Meeting scheduling

- For now meet once/month, then change to twice/month when budget work gets busy.
- Third Monday of each month, 4pm.

Public participation: Franz wishing the new committee well, handoff transition done.

Next meeting: Oct 19, 4pm

Adjourn