

Town of Northbridge  
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 2016 at 6:00PM

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**Finance Committee Attendees:**

Finance Committee Members in Attendance: Plato Adams, Jim Barron, Chris Thompson, Steve Gogolinski and Lisa Ferguson.

Finance Committee Member not in Attendance: Bob Brochu and Chris Pilla

NORTHBRIDGE TOWN CLERK  
DOUGLAS A. GEORGE

**Finance Committee Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by the chairman; Plato Adams at 6:00PM.

**IPad Distribution**

IPads / Tablets were distributed and a demonstration given to the Finance Committee Members by Scott Motyka from the Town of Northbridge - Regional IT Administrator. The use of tablets should make the process more efficient.

**Reorganization of the Board**

A motion to nominate Plato Adams as the Chairman of the Finance Committee was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by Chris Thompson and unanimously approved.

A motion to nominate Chris Thompson as the Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by Jim Barron and unanimously approved.

A motion to nominate Jim Barron as the Clerk of the Finance Committee was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by Lisa Ferguson and unanimously approved.

**Prior Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 25, 2016 was made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Lisa Ferguson and unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 22, 2016 was made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Steve Gogolinski and unanimously approved with Jim Barron and Lisa Ferguson abstaining from the vote.

**Fall Annual Town Meeting Schedule**

Per the Town Manager much better collections have taken place and compared to the last fiscal year the Town is roughly \$400,000 ahead of schedule.

It was noted that the Fire Chief will be retiring at the end of May 2017. An additional \$10,000 will requested for an assessment consulting center to assist with the review of resumes for the new fire chief.

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The school department will also be looking for an additional \$165,000 - \$175,000 for some Capital Items. These Capital Items are part of the overall Master Capital Plan.

The police and fire departments will be looking for some additional monies (\$38,000 - 40,000 or so) which will be funded by grant money from the State. Some of the expenditures will be for Tasers and new fingerprinting equipment, etc.

An additional \$10,000 will be required for Property Liability Insurance premium increases over last year. The workers compensation insurance calculation has changed and is currently being assessed at the new rate.

**A discussion ensued concerning the 8 warrant articles as follows:**

**Article One** - Payment of Prior Year Bills

**Article Two** - Proposed Appropriations Under the Omnibus Budget Article - Additional Fundings

**Article Three** - Proposed \$100,000 increase to the Stabilization Fund

**Article Four** - Proposed that the Old Youth Center Land in Rockdale to be conveyed / turned over to the Town

**Article Five** - Proposed purchase of a Dump Truck for the DPW in the amount of roughly \$80,000.

**Article Six** - Proposed \$160,000 Grant - Stretch Energy Code - for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy.

**Article Seven** - Proposed Purchase of a 2017 Fire Department Pumper Truck - Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion under Proposition 2 1/2.

**Article Eight** - Proposal to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to finance the restoration and repair of the Rockdale World War I Memorial at the Rockdale Common - Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion under Proposition 2 1/2.

**Certification of Appreciation**

A Certificate of Appreciation from the Board of Selectmen for ten years of dedicated service to the Town of Northbridge was presented to Plato Adams by Ted Kozak, Town Manager, Town of Northbridge.

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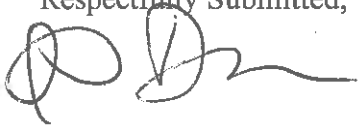
**Future Finance Committee Meetings**

The next two Finance Committee Meetings will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 and Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 6:00PM, .

**Adjournment**

Since no further business was to be transacted, a motion to adjourn at 6:52 PM was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by Chris Thompson and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James P. Barron', with a stylized, flowing script.

James P. Barron  
Clerk  
Town of Northbridge Finance Committee