



**MINUTES
TOWN FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Tuesday – April 14, 2026

Hybrid

8:00 a.m. to Noon

Item 1. Call to Order. L. Cain – Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Item 2. Those Present. Finance Committee members present: Councilors Larry Cain – Chair, Jonathan Anderson and Karin Shupe. Others present: Thomas J. Hall, Town Manager, Liam Gallagher, Assistant Town Manager, Councilor Michelle Hayes, Norman Kildow, Finance Director and Town Staff.

L. Cain, Chair – expressed appreciation for the everyone’s efforts towards an aggressive budget goal. The Finance Committee aims for a maximum tax increase of 2%, necessitating a \$3.65 million budget reduction. This reduction will be achieved by allocating 60% of the savings from the school department (\$2.19 million) and 40% from town departments (\$1.46 million). The importance of even small savings was emphasized, with a focus on collaborative efforts to meet these goals, which he was happy to say we have had so far. He then moved on to the Department presentations.

Item 3. Department Budget Presentations:

Police Department:

The Police Department presented their budget for review and discussion. They also responded to questions from the Committee. No changes were directed at this time.

Fire Department:

The Fire Department presented their budget for review and discussion. They also responded to questions from the Committee. No changes were directed at this time.

Planning Department & Code Enforcement:

The Planning & Codes Department presented their budget for review and discussion. They also responded to questions from the Committee. No changes were directed at this time.

Engineering & Technical Services:

The Engineering & Technical Services Department presented their budget for review and discussion. They also responded to questions from the Committee. No changes were directed at this time.

Finance:

The Finance Department presented their budget for review and discussion. They also responded to questions from the Committee. No changes were directed at this time.

Assessing Department:

The Assessing Department presented their budget for review and discussion. They also responded to questions from the Committee. No changes were directed at this time.

Executive Department [Includes Town Clerk]:

The Executive Department presented their budget for review and discussion. They also responded to questions from the Committee. No changes were directed at this time.

Human Resources & General Assistance:

The Human Resources Department & General Assistance, presented their budget for review and discussion. They also responded to questions from the Committee. No changes were directed at this time.

T. Hall, Town Manager, noted that the next meeting is scheduled for April 30th and he would coordinate with school staff to present the initial proposed adjustments, which may be organized into different categories, ensuring alignment with the school. He noted that the School Business Manager would more than likely be present at the April 30th meeting as well.

Item 4. Public Comments. None at this time.

Item 5. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yolande P. Justice

Clerk to the Council

[Not present at meeting, Transcribed by Video.]