

# Town of Lunenburg

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## Lunenburg Finance Committee Minutes June 30, 2011

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Location: Town Hall  
Present: Brian Laffond, Marilyn Stokes, Barbara Reynolds, Mark Erickson  
Absent: John Male, Martha McDonald  
Also Present: Kerry Speidel

- 1) Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 7:04 PM.
- 2) Public Discussion
  - ME asked about the LFC appointing committee meeting on July 7. BL and MS terms have expired and MM is now on school committee. BL is up for reappointment and may have one other candidate.
- 3) Meeting Minutes
  - Minutes from 4/14/2011: BR moved for approval, ME second, unanimous.
  - Minutes from 4/25/2011: BR moved for approval, BL second, unanimous.
- 4) Communications - BL made several documents available
  - Municipal Finance and Taxation Laws, Municipal Advocate, Beacon May, June
  - Planning Board Notices from 5/23 and 6/14
  - Public Hearing notice for 7/14 DPW STM warrant. BL stated that a public hearing is needed for any and all items appearing on a warrant with financial impact and requires a newspaper announcement
- 5) Committee Reports
  - Monty Tech: BR said a new superintendent has been appointed and that MT is participating in a space shuttle experiment on tooth decay.
  - Regional Schools: ME reported that a recommendation is expected by end of summer
- 6) New Business
  - KS presented a list of Chapter 44 - 33b transfers for approval. MS moved for approval, BR second, unanimous.
  - KS distributed copies of the annual budget as appropriated.
- 7) Town Manager Updates
  - Eagle Heights Senior Housing: application submitted; hope to hear by Sep on status of Sec 202 grant.
  - Summer Street analysis underway, to be complete end of Aug. Next steps are BOS review, then public hearings.
  - Jones House approved for sale at minimum bid of \$80,000. No bids received. Will rebid this fall with same restrictions but no minimum.
  - MART Bus subsidy caused confusion. MART will replace the existing van with a new, larger van and operate as now. An older van may be sold to the town for \$1 and COA may run a pilot to gauge additional use.
  - Vacant Main Street Gas Station: DEP wants to clean the property but needs property owner permission; he refuses. Legislation being proposed to bypass property owner approval.
  - Warrant for STM: DPW facility renovation over budget. Plans modified and rebid but still \$200k short. Impact of financing this would be roughly \$15,000 over 15 years.
- 8) The committee thanked Marilyn Stokes for her contributions to the committee.
- 9) Next meetings
  - July 14 – Public Hearing on DPW warrant Town Hall 7 PM
- 10) Adjournment – ME made motion to adjourn at 9:01 PM, MS second, unanimous.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Erickson