

Maynard Finance Committee
Town Hall – 195 Main St.
Maynard, Ma 01754
9/11/2017

Present: Don Rowe, (Chair), P. J. Gauthier, Jill Prendergast, Pete Campbell, Ken Estabrook, Bob McCarthy

Minutes taken by – P. J. Gauthier

Don called meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Guest: none

Minutes: 8/28/17- Ken moved, Don 2nd, vote 4-0, pass.

Discussion: The committee discussed various issues including the School Committee letter dated August 28, 2017. Did the BOS address this at their meeting and what was the outcome? Don will contact the appropriate person(s) regarding this question.

Bob discussed a data analysis he has developed and how it can be used to educate the public on pressing budget needs and constraints. How can a complex budget be presented in a way to engage the average citizen and give that citizen a sense of the demands on the budget. He proposed scheduling meetings in October, November and December as follows: The October meeting to develop a number of budget priorities, the November meeting to discuss the options in detail with whoever chooses to join the discussion and the December meeting to summarize. We hope to give the towns people an opportunity to understand budget demands before the budget is set.

We have chosen 3 budget issues to concentrate on: tax burden reduction, capital expndaturs, and school budget financing.

9:35 PJ moved to adjourn, Ken 2nd, vote 6-0, pass.

Reserve Fund Recap for FY 18:

5/15/17	Article #7	\$300,000.00
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Next meeting – 9/25/17

Approved 9/25/2017