



# Town of Orleans

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## Finance Committee Meeting

19 School Road Orleans, Massachusetts 02653-3699

### MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, October 16, 2023 at 5:30pm**  
**Nauset Regional Middle School Gymnasium**

The October 16, 2023 meeting of the Orleans Finance Committee was called to order just after 5:30pm, prior to the Special Town Meeting, by Finance Committee Chair Nick Athanassiou. Also present and thus constituting a quorum were Vice Chair Chris Kanaga, Clerk Elaine Baird and Committee members David Abel, Lynn Bruneau, Constance Kremer, Ed Mahoney and Tony Pearl. Peter O'Meara were absent due to a prior commitment.

#### **Complete Voting for Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles as Needed**

- **Article 2 - Pay Bills of Prior Years** - Ms. Bruneau noted that Mr. Athanassiou had forwarded the detail related to the eight Prior Year Bills as well as information received from DPW Director Tom Daley re the 3 largest bills (what they were for and why they were late). Fin Comm members agreed that clearly there is an opportunity for a "process improvement" in the handling of these late payments, and in communicating information to the Finance Committee. Mr. Mahoney recommended pursuing that effort post-Town Meeting (following up on his prior suggestions).

**Motion to recommend STM Article 2 - Pay Bills of Prior Years by Mr. Kanaga; second by Ms. Baird. The vote was 8-0 with Mmes. Baird, Bruneau and Kremer and Messrs. Abel, Athanassiou, Kanaga, Mahoney and Pearl all voting "aye" by roll-call.**

#### **Continue Discussion re Special TM Warrant Article Talking Points as Needed**

Mr. Athanassiou confirmed that no other Fin Comm votes/re-votes were required. He also confirmed "talking point" assignments for the meeting. The results of the Fin Comm vote on Article 2 were provided to Moderator David Lyttle.

#### **General Updates** - N/A

#### **Confirm Finance Committee Meeting Schedule**

- **Thurs, November 2 (7pm)** - Fin Comm meeting; Special Town Meeting debrief; review/vote on Fin Comm budget for FY25

- **Thurs, November 16 (6:15pm)** - Fin Comm meeting

**Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn by Mr. Abel; second by Mr. Kanaga. The vote was unanimous; 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Bruneau, Finance Committee Chair Emerita

**All documents referenced are in the Fin Comm Drop Box except as noted:**

1. Agenda the October 16, 2023 Finance Committee meeting
2. Special Town Meeting Article 2- Pay Bills of Prior Years - email from Greta Avery dated

10/4/23 with detail of Bills of Prior Years (Select Board meeting packet 10/11/23) as well as email from Nick Athanassiou w/ detail from discussion w/ DPW Director Tom Daley re 3 largest bills (all DPW related)

3. Final Warrant Index for Town Meeting
4. Warrant for October 16, 2023 Special Town Meeting (Town website)

The minutes for the October 16, 2023 Finance Committee meeting were reviewed and approved at the November 2, 2023 meeting. **Motion to approve by Ms. Baird; second by Mr. Kanaga. The vote was 6-0-1 with Mmes. Baird and Bruneau and Messrs. Abel, Athanassiou, Kanaga and Mahoney all voting "aye" by roll-call. Mr. O'Meara abstained as he was absent from the 10/16/23 meeting.**