

TOWN OF FREETOWN

Finance Committee

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Police Station Community Room

15 Memorial Drive, East Freetown, MA

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Meeting called to order: 6:01 PM

As there were members attending remotely, all votes were taken by roll call

Finance members present: Margaret French, Kent Wilkins, Katie Calheta (remote), Emily Anne Dors (remote), Kara Lees

Excused: Bob Alderson

Also present: Kayla Churchill

2. Minutes from 10/23/2023

Motion to approve: Kent Wilkins; seconded: Emily Anne Dors

4 – 0 – 1: Motion passes

3. The committee discussed the upcoming budget and possible raises. It was brought up that last year was considered a market adjustment year where the Town Clerk, Health Agent, and Highway Surveyor were given raises to bring them more in line with surrounding municipalities. Due to the higher than usual raises last year, the committee recommends raises this year be between 2 and 3%.

Motion to make this recommendation to the Board of Selectman: Kara Lees; seconded: Kent Wilkins.

5 – 0 – 0: Motion passes

4. The committee discussed the vacancy on the Finance Committee created by the resignation of George Grunwald. Ms. Kayla Churchill addressed the committee regarding her interest in being appointed to fill the vacancy. Ms. Churchill stated that she has several years of experience managing her family's business, as well as her household finances.

Motion to recommend Kayla Churchill to the Board of Selectman for appointment: Kara Lees; seconded: Katie Calheta

5 – 0 – 0: Motion passes

5. Motion to adjourn: Kent Wilkins; seconded Emily Anne Dors

5 – 0 – 0: Motion passes

Meeting adjourned 6:53 pm