

Town of Freetown
Finance Committee
Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Meeting called to order: 6:21 PM

Present: Margaret French, Christine Dupras, Kent Wilkins, Emily Anne Dors

Excused: George Grunwald, Bob Alderson, Katie Calheta

Also present: Deb Pettey (Interim Town Administrator), Mike McCue (Town Moderator)

Since this was a remote meeting all votes were taken via roll call

Discussion regarding the incorrect vote on Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant taken on 5/11/23. In the previous meeting the Finance Committee changed the salary amounts for the Town Clerk and the Highway Surveyor. As these numbers will be voted on at Town Meeting the Finance Committee discussed the repercussions of the town voting in the higher salary in Article 2 without the salary being reflected in the omnibus. The Board of Health also has the ability to offer the Health Agent the higher salary and this would also not be supported. The discussion ended with the decision to accept the budgets as submitted this year and request more guidance from the Personnel Board next year earlier in the budget process

Motion to recommend Article 2 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as written:

Emily Anne Dors, seconded: Kent Wilkins

3 – 1 – 0: Motion Passes

Motion to recommend the following budgets

Town Clerk

Highways and Streets

Health Inspection Services

Library

as submitted: Emily Anne Dors, seconded: Kent Wilkins

3 – 1 – 0: Motion Passes

Motion to adjourn: Emily Anne Dors, seconded: Kent Wilkins

4 – 0 – 0: Motion Passes

Meeting Adjourned: 6:34