

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019  
6:00 PM  
TOWN HALL**

**Present:**

**Finance Committee:** T. Blauvelt, E. Curletti, M. Loubert, M. O'Connor, A. O'Dwyer

**6:00 PM - OPEN MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** T. Blauvelt called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

**2. WELCOME**

- All congratulated and welcomed Meredith O'Connor on her election to the Finance Committee.

**3. REORGANIZATION**

- **Nomination of the Committee Chair**

**MOTION:** E. Curletti made a motion to nominate Anne O'Dwyer as Chair of the Finance Committee.

**SECOND:** M. Loubert

**VOTE:** 5-0, passed.

- **Nomination of the Committee Vice Chair**

**MOTION:** E. Curletti made a motion to nominate Michelle Loubert as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee.

**SECOND:** T. Blauvelt

**VOTE:** 5-0

**4. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

- **Monument Next Steps**

- It was noted that this is soon dissolving, so no assignment is necessary.

- **Community Preservation Committee**

**MOTION:** E. Curletti made a motion to nominate T. Blauvelt to the Community Preservation Committee.

**SECOND:** M. Loubert

**VOTE:** 5-0

- **Economic Development Committee**

**MOTION:** E. Curletti made a motion to nominate M. O'Connor to the Economic Development Committee.

**SECOND:** M. Loubert

**VOTE:** 5-0

*The first meeting is on June 12, at 6:00PM at the Town Hall. M. O'Connor is scheduled to be away.*

**MOTION:** T. Blauvelt made a motion to nominate A'O'Dwyer as an alternate representative to the Economic Development Committee

**SECOND:** M. Loubert

**VOTE:** 5-0

**5. APPROVAL OF APRIL 16, 2019 FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**MOTION:** E. Curletti made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2019 minutes as submitted.

**SECOND:** M. Loubert

**VOTE:** 4-0-1, M. O'Connor abstained.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

- M. Loubert inquired as to when the Scanlons Audit will be presented. It was confirmed that it will be a few months from now.

- M. Loubert has been approached by citizens asking how the revenue from retail marijuana sales is being handled by the businesses banking-wise, as many federal banks will not allow marijuana revenue. There are some that are allowing, and they are the ones being utilized by these businesses.
- M. Loubert requested that correspondence received from Claudia Shapiro be placed on the next agenda.
- A. O'Dwyer asked that mentoring and orientation for new members be placed on the next agenda.
- A. O'Dwyer also requested that the Town Manager and Financial Coordinator be invited to the next meeting to discuss using Real Estate funds for the Housatonic School, as brought up in Town Meeting to clarify how much is available, etc. Financial Reports will be brought up at the next meeting as well.
- A. O'Dwyer also noted that there are several contract lines to be reviewed at the next meeting as well.
- T. Blauvelt would like to look into reactivating the Tyler Technologies Transparency program that was previously on the website, but has disappeared.
- M. Loubert commented that the Municipal Advocate Magazine was also useful, perhaps we can subscribe to that again as well.
- A. O'Dwyer asked to set a regular meeting day and time. It was decided that after July, meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting, however, will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, 6PM, Town Hall.

## 7. CITIZEN SPEAK

- Ed Abrahams – Pleasant Street, Great Barrington
  - There is a goodbye party for J. Tabakin on Thursday May 23 from 4:30-6:00PM at the Public House-20 Railroad Street. All are welcome to attend.

## 8. ADJOURN

**MOTION:** T. Blauvelt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20PM

**SECOND:** E. Curletti

**VOTE:** 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Tabitha Brewer  
Recording Secretary

Accepted July 23, 2019



Anne O'Dwyer