# *Town of Lunenburg*

**Finance Committee:**
**Mark Erickson, Chairman**
**Terri Burchfield, Vice-Chairman**
**John Henshaw, Secretary**
**Karin Menard**
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**Lunenburg Finance Committee**
**Annual Town Meeting May 7, 2016**

5/12/16

Location: Lunenburg High School, Cushing Auditorium
Present: Mark Ericson, Terri Burchfield, Karin Menard, Jay Simeone, John Henshaw
Also Present: Town Manager Kerry Lafleur—briefly preceding Town Meeting.

1. Mark called the meeting to order at 8:15 am. Preceding Annual Town Meeting

2. Review warrant articles with a direct financial effect, but that had not been approved and the committee addressed:

| Article | Description | Motion, Second | Vote |
|---|---|---|---|
| 21 & 22 | 21: Establish an inflow-infiltration fund.<br>22: Transfer funds to the reserve capacity stabilization fund. | Terri moved to recommend that the ATM approve these articles. John seconded her motion. | 5-0 in favor of both articles. |
| 26 | Prop. 2 ½ debt exclusion override to fund pavement management plan. | John moved to recommend approval, and Terri seconded his motion. | 5-0 in favor of the article. |

3. Regular Debt & Excluded Debt, preparatory to a meeting after the Annual Town Meeting [ATM].
   A. Mark suggested it would be valuable to evaluate current and potential regular debt and excluded debt in preparation for revising the Town's debt policy.
   B. John said that would be helpful in determining what the limit of debt the policy should set.

4. Mark recessed the meeting at 8:45. The meeting will resume when the moderator calls the ATM to order.

5. Mark recalled the meeting to order at 9:00, coterminous with the ATM.

6. Finance Committee Recommendations at the ATM:

| Article | Description | Motion, Second | Vote |
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| 27 and 28 | 27: Authorize long term easement for cell tower installation at the Turf Field.<br><br>28: Borrowing authorization to renovate/replace turf field and track. | None—Mark polled the finance committee after the presentation on these articles at the ATM. | Recommend approval, 4-0. Karin recused herself because of the appearance of a conflict of interest given her association with Lunenburg Youth Soccer. |
| 29 | Authorize Summer Street easements—tied to Summer Street construction project. | | Recommend Approval by a vote of 5-0. |
| 35 | Amendments to the Comprehensive Wastewater Master Plan. | | Recommend approval by a vote of 4-0 (four members now present.) |
| 36 | Word change on a sewer by-law. | | No direct financial effect. |
| 37 | Word change on a zoning by-law. | | No direct financial effect. |
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| 41 & 42 | Definition clarifications – farming and agriculture. | | No direct financial effect. |
| 43 | Changes, additions to wetland by-laws. | | No direct financial effect. |
| 44 | Study of Town sentiment on providing yard waste disposal services for residents. | | No direct financial effect. |
| 45 | Whether to establish a committee to study the feasibility to having the water district become a Town department. | | No direct financial effect. |

- Note: Karin left the meeting at 1:35, but will return if we are still in session. The four members who remained at the meeting constituted a quorum.

6. Adjournment: Jay moved to adjourn the meeting, Terri seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm

Respectfully submitted by John Henshaw May 12, 2016