

# Town of Lunenburg



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Finance Committee:  
Mark Erickson, Chairman  
Terri Burchfield, Vice-Chairman  
John Henshaw, Secretary  
Karin Menard  
Caroline Griffis  
Jay Simeone

## Lunenburg Finance Committee May 2, 2015 Meeting

Location: Lunenburg High School  
Present: Mark Ericson, Karin Menard, Jay Simeone, John Henshaw  
Absent: Terri Burchfield, Caroline Griffis

1. Mark called the meeting to order at 8:16 am. Preceding Town Meeting
2. Communications:
  - A. Public: None.
  - B. Committee: None.
3. Accounting and acceptable use of the Federal Disaster Relief Funds from FEMA
  - A. Background:
    - i. FEMA will reimburse the Town \$38,064.43 in Federal Disaster Relief Funds to defray some of the snow and ice removal expenses the Town had from the January, 2015 storm.
    - ii. To make these funds available to spend, the state will permit the Town to set up a special account with a debit balance of \$38,064.43.
      - This would allow the Town to prospectively reduce the snow and ice account deficit by \$38,064.43 in anticipation of receiving these funds.
      - On receipt of the reimbursement, the Town will credit the special account, zeroing it out.

(NB: At this point the committee joined the Board of Selectmen, which was meeting elsewhere at the school, and we continued our discussion.)
  - B. The issue is whether the Town could apply these funds to the Pavement Management Account (PMP).
    - i. These funds are non-recurring and the PMP is treated as an operating expense in the Town budget.
    - ii. Normally we would not use non-recurring revenues to fund an operating expense; However as there is a degree of discretion regarding funding the PMP—as was demonstrated during the FY16 budget process—the general sense was that funding the PMP would be an acceptable use of the FEMA re-imburement.
  - C. Motion: John made a motion to recommend approval to use \$38,064.43 from free cash to fund the PMP. Karin seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion 4-0.
    - i. Note: The Board of Selectmen approved a similarly worded motion 5-0.
4. The committee went into recess at 8:35.
5. The committee re-convened at 9:00 when the Annual Town Meeting convened.

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6. Finance Committee Recommendations at Town Meeting:
  - A. Article 12: Karin moved to recommend approval of Article 12. John seconded the motion, and the committee voted to approve the motion 4-0.
  - B. Article 37: Karin moved to recommend approval of Article 37. John seconded the motion, and the committee voted to approve the motion 4-0.
7. Lacking a quorum of 50 or more citizens, Tim Murphy, the Town Moderator dissolved the Town Meeting. The meeting had considered the first 38 articles on the warrant at the point Town Meeting was dissolved. The remaining articles will be considered at a Special Town Meeting.
8. Adjournment: Jay moved to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Karin and the committee approved the motion 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm

Respectfully submitted by John Henshaw May 7, 2015