

Town of Saugus Finance Committee

Kenneth DePatto, Chairman

Ronald Jepson
Carl J. Mirabello
Theresa Katsos

George DeDomenico, Vice-Chairman

Louis Rossi
Frank Perella
Steven DiVirgilio
Stephen Horlick

SAUGUS FINANCE COMMITTEE OCTOBER 4, 2017 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

The regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Wednesday evening, October 4, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Members present: Kenneth DePatto; George DeDomenico, Theresa Katsos, Carl Mirabello, Steve Horlick; Steve DiVirgilio, Ron Jepson

Finance Committee Clerk: Organizational meeting called to order. Election of officers. Clerk asks for nomination for Chairman of The Finance Committee for FY18. Mr. Mirabello makes a motion to nominate Kenneth DePatto. Motion is seconded by George DeDomenico. Motion passes 7-0.

Clerk asks for nomination for Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee for FY18. Mr. Jepson nominates George DeDomenico. Ms. Katsos seconds the motion. Motion passes 7-0.

Absent from the Meeting: Louis Rossi, Frank Perella

Approval of Minutes: Four sets of minutes. April 26th, 2017. Motion made to accept passes 7-0. May 18, 2017. Motion made to accept passes 6-0 with 1 abstention. May 24, 2017. Motion made to accept passes 6-0 with 1 abstention. May 25, 2017. Motion made to accept passes 6-0 with 1 abstention.

Chairman's Update: Chairman DePatto thanks the committee for its commitment to the Finance Committee. We are still working on the Steady State Analysis. We were hoping for that to be completed at this point but one of our members has run into some timing issues with family and we certainly hope that everything is ok. In the meantime, the compiled information is being sent to one of our other subcommittee members. He will work with Mr. Jepson to finish it. A lot of work has already been done. Once it is complete, there will be a meeting just to go over it, take any questions, and then take a vote to accept it. After that, it will be distributed to all Town Meeting Members. It is the Chairman's belief that one Town Meeting has it, the non-binding resolution, passed on the floor of Town Meeting, will be adequately addressed. He does not believe we will have to do any additional work on that non-binding resolution after the report is presented.

The Chairman inquires if any of the members have questions or comments they would like to make regarding how we conduct our business in the upcoming year.

(Town Manager Scott Crabtree enters the meeting. The Chairman congratulates him on his new contract and states that this is good news for the community.)

Mr. Horlick states to the Chairman that the recent ability of the members to be able to ask for what they need and receive it has been appositive change over the last few years. Chairman DePatto agrees that when Town Meeting has the supporting documentation that goes along with our reccomendation, it is much easier for them to understand and make a decision. Sometimes they have questions but I believe because we vet the issues so well, those questions can be answered on the floor.