

Swampscott Finance Committee  
August 20, 2018

Attending: Marzie Galazka, Mary Ellen Fletcher, Jill Sullivan, Gail Rosenberg, Cinder McNerney, Tim Dorsey, Joan Hilario, Polly Titcomb.

The finance committee would like to ask the Moderator to attend our next meeting to help us understand more clearly his vision for the relationship between the finance committee, the administration, and the selectmen going forward. Has the role of the finance committee changed in some way.

The finance committee discussed its thoughts on these relationships as well as on a variety of ways that the finance committee can conduct its business more efficiently.

The finance committee would like the BOS and the administration to articulate the strategic vision of the town's future they are using to develop the 2020 budget. We want to be able to understand the background and intentions for budget decisions well before we consider the actual line-item budget.

The finance committee meetings are scheduled as follows:

September 17 or September 24  
October 15 and 29  
November 13 and 27

Ms. Fletcher is concerned that over 60% of the budget goes to the school department and the financial reporting is not where we need it to be to adequately evaluate the school budget. The finance committee agreed that one topic we need to discuss with the administration is how we can get the school budget presented in the same fashion that the town side budget is presented. We believe this is how we will be able to better understand the financial implications of decision making.

Motion to adjourn: Titcomb/Hilario 8-0. 8:38PM